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Legal row over disowned twins

Mother challenges gap in fertility law

a result of donor insemina-

The case breaks legal ground in challenging the legality of part of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology, Act, and could lead to would be to persuade Lord Winston, the infertility pioneer, who there is conflicts with European law.

government regards the issue as so important that the Attorney General, Sir Nicholas Lyell, briefed lawyers to defend the legislation.

My lystics Wilson may do.

Mr Justice Wilson may de-fer his ruling until the Appeal Court's judgment in the case of Diane Blood, the widow bold tiling to be inseminated abroad with her dead husband's sperm. Her appeal, to be heard next month, raises related issues of European law.

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haby results, the man is defined to be the legal father.

Lut no such rule applies if the couple live in Britain but undergo treatment abroad.

Sheila McLean, professor of law and ethics in medicine at Clescory university Glasgow university, said: "This seems another of those loopholes nobody thought about. There's a lot of sense in saying children shouldn't suffer because we haven't

there's a case for saying the man should support the chil-dren if he agreed to the

The professional couple, who cannot be identified for legal reasons, live in England but travelled to another European member state for treatment. The man's fertility is ow and the couple underwe treatment for several years in They decided to go abroad to try a new technique designed to help men with low sperm counts or poor quality of sperm to become fathers. Known as ICSI (intracytoplas-

moved from the wo injected with individual sperm, and the resulting embryos implanted in the womb. But the couple's treatment failed and they agreed the woman should be artificially inseminated by a donor. Her partner signed a statement in nation was carried out, acknowledging paternity of

any resulting child.

The couple returned to England but split up shortly after the twins' birth. The man is

pioneered in Belgium, but has hard to reconcile himself to only recently become widely the fact that the twins, whom available in Britain. Eggs are he sees occasionally, are not his natural children. Citing the act, he is denying he is their legal father, and is refus-ing to pay for their support. Lawyers for the mother, munity law.

Polls back duke

in handgun row

who brought the case on legal aid, asked the judge to "disap-ply" a section of the act which deems the man to be the legal father only if a couple are freated in Britain. They ar-gued this conflicts with the right of free movement of European Union citizens to receive services, including medical treatment, in other

Erland Clouston and Alex Belios

for his stand.

HE Duke of Edinburgh yesterday apologised to relatives of those shot in

any offence caused by his crit-icism of proposed gun con-trols, but opinion polls showed considerable support

The duke sparked a furore during a BBC radio interview, broadcast last night, in which he criticised legisla-

tion targeting gun clubs, saying that cricket bats could be

as lethal as handguns. He later apologised to relatives of

the Dunblane victims, but a Buckingham Palace spokes-man said he did not retract his views.

Three polls gave the im-

pression that many people were behind the duke. At the

New Golf Club in Dunblane,

nembers sympathised with

his comments that golfers were as dangerous as gun

owners. "Somebody's got to

speak out for the shooters," one said. "You can't start tell-

ing other people bow to live their lives."

"You can batter som

with a hockey stick; any-thing's lethal," another

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Britain signed up to the EC, any national law which is inconsistent with a provision of

The judge could refer the case to the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg for a roling. The Human Fertilisa tion and Embryology Author ity, which enforces the act, is keeping a neutral stance.

The case is thought to be the first in which lawyers have sought to strike down UK legislation in the family sphere on the basis of conflict with EC law.

Austin

tality organiser, said: "The parents of the murdered children have all the support of the Dunblane people but now,

like the Duke of Edinburgh.

the rest of us feel that every

one should settle down and get back to an ordinary way

of life again."

The duke made his com-

ments during a BBC Radio 5

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Live interview in which he was asked about the bill to

Ministries to be sued over E. coli

HE parents of seven children who became ill after eating meat contaminated with E. coli 0157 bacteria have been granted legal aid to sue the warn the public of the risks in undercooking beef.
All seven children live in

are in discussions with lawyers in Scotland, where yes-terday it was announced that two more people, a 76-year-old man and a 78-year-old woman, had died in the food poisoning epidemic, bringing the

The number with symp-toms remains at 405, which the Scottish Office and health boards believe suggests the outbreak is under control. There are 235 confirmed cases, but more confirma-

tions are expected.

Legal aid has been grante so that a test case can be brought against the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Department of Health for negligence, hope-fully within 12 months.

Lucy Kennedy, of Howe and Co in west London, acting for the children, called the ca ground-breaking. The first outbreak of E. coli 0157 infection in the United States occurred in 1982 and in Britain in 1983. In the US, govern-ment had ensured that the public knew beef must be cooked until no pink remained — the infection could be killed by two minutes at 70C - and there were

warnings on packaging.
"In Britain, there was a

belling, but nothing was done," Ms Kennedy said. The committee had also recommended more research into again nothing had happened. Children are in particular danger from this strain of E. coll, which attacks the kidneys. Two are on dialysis in Yorkhill hospital, Glasgow.

Children who are infected may suffer serious health sor Richard Lacey, of the medical microbiology depart-ment of Leeds University, has estimated that up to 100 people might die in Scotland - 25 per cent of those with symptoms — in years to come because of the long-term ef-fects of the infection on their kidneys and blood-pressure.
Three of the children in England with legal aid ate allegedly infected beefburgers. The other four ate infected

meat at a barbecue in Stoke. "In all these cases, the children's parents say had they known of the existence of the bacteria, they would have taken precautions to ensure it had not happened," Ms Ken-nedy said. "It can be cooked

Prof Lacey believes there have been inadequate safeguards and controls in the storage and cooking of beef.
"The storage of cooked foods
is wrong," he said. "It is 8F for an indefinite period. In the health service, it is 3F for no more than three clear days. No E. coli 0157 has been acquired from health service catering." The death toll in Scotland is

now the second highest from E. coli 0157 infection on re-cord, exceeded by the 19 who government advisory com-mittee report published in died at an old peo 1985 which recommended la-in Canada in 1985. died at an old people's home



Chess player Luke McShane, aged 12, who yesterday achieved Britain's youngest International Master norm by sharing second prize in the Caledonian Masters. Matthew Sadler had held the record at 13. Sport, page 15 PHOTOGRAPH MURDO MALIE

Tories admit £50m cuts will hit war pensioners

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

INISTERS have admitted that the planned changes in war pension rules will hit armed forces veterans and save millions of pounds for the Treasury.

When the Guardian disclosed that cuts worth 250 million a year had been slipped through the Budget as "simplification" of the rules, ministers accused the newspaper of scaremongering.

John Major said last week in the Commons that the Guardian's reports had been

selective use of leaked infor-mation. However, written questions have confirmed the hasis of the reports — including savings figures that ministers had previously sought

to cast doubt on. Oliver Heald, junior social security minister, has acknowledged that the package of changes out for consultation will, as the Guardian reported, produce net annual savings of £15 million by 1999. Added to the £35 million eventual annual savings from the separate toughening of the criteria for deafness pensions — a change ministers claim is being forced on them

by medical advice - the total

 The Guardian War pensions cover-up

Mr Heald has not confirmed that the £15 million package will create 7,000-10,000 losers in terms of future pension claimants, as suggested by confidential documents seen by the Guardian. He has,

though, admitted that some of

cut in war pension spending | the planned changes will stop comes to the reported £50 veterans and widows making fresh claims: 800 a year in the case of a mobility supplement for disabled ex-service personnel; 400 more annually in the case of an unemployabil ity supplement; and about 100 a year in the case of war widows' rent allowance, which is

"Two issues have been run together in a . . . misleading way by the Guardian. If the right honourable gentleman relies on the Guardian for explains why he is so often

inaccurate in his questions' John Major to Tony Blair, The minister has declined

to answer questions on some other of the changes on grounds of the "disproporionate cost" of doing so. The questions were put down by John Denham, Labour's pensions spokes-man. He said last night: "I am calling on the Prime Minister to come clean and admit that the Budget is going to deny benefits to war pensioners who would have received them under current rules. "The parliamentary replies appear to make it perfectly clear that these cuts in the spending programme go well beyond administrative

Mr Heald's admissions will increase pressure on the central advisory committee on war pensions, which is considering the planned changes. Some ex-service groups on the committee have sided with ministers; others have said they are keeping their

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CHRISTMAS FOR Disinfectant, pappies, washing materials – not what you'd think of giving someone for Christmas. But for an impoverished mother in Bosnia trying to keep her child safe from infection, these basic essentials would mean the world. It would also mean that someone somewhere is thinking of her, and her efforts to protect her child. Children's Aid Direct has delivered baby boxes full of essential items

directly into the hands of 33,000 mothers in Bosnia - many of whom will be living in housing and in very basic conditions this

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Fewerthan half of European Union inhabitants think their country's membership is a good thing, found an EU survey.

World News An FBI man thought to have sold secrets to the Russians was. arrested after his wife, also a bureau employee, told the FBI her suspicions.

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Martin Wainwright

T was when commuters started bumping his cows off the narrow cut-through crumpled footbills of the Yorkshire Pennines, that John Gaythorpe started down the path to being Mr Christmas Tree of north-west Leeds

At the time, his low-slung farmhouse with its 1624 date-stone — "the oldest house in Yeadon, at least that's what they tell me" — was a picture-book affair of black-and-white milkers and Gloucester Old Spot pigs. Up the lane at Greenside Farm, his neighbours the Emsleys kept a simi-lar small herd, while hens picked about on the roadside verge and both families did a desultory trade in eggs.

Not any more. Even with every southerner's idea of Yorkshire weather sweeping foully in from Siberia yester-day, Warm Lane and Greenside farms were like miniature Asdas, Families queued for the huge range of sitka, blue spruce, Douglas firs and armorica pines piled up in Mr Gaythorpe's old milking yard. At the Emsleys', children gog-gled at three rumpled-looking ostriches and made yukking noises at the farmshop special offer: Emu steak for £15 a

There isn't a farmer these days who hasn't had to diver-sify," says Mr Gaythorpe, drying out with his cat and his wife Sheila in front of Warm Lane farm's roasting fire. While the nation is plunged into rancorous controversy about BSE, E. coli and the ethics of mass production, thou-sands of England's small farmers are following colourful paths. NFU could stand for Nothing Feels Unthinkable

"The trees astonished us," says Mrs Gaythorpe contentedly, recalling how a couple of lads from Bradford council's old woodyard down the lane at Esholt sewage works knocked

on the farmhouse door to beg a favour. "They'd been thinning the woods and thought they might be able to sell a few tree at Christmas-time, rather than burn them. We're on a busier road, so they asked: why don't you see if you can ell us some?" Next afternoor Mrs Gaythorpe was on the phone for another delivery; and Warm Lane's staple trade has never looked back. It was just in time for the family. who'd got fed up with trying t with the commute-to-Leeds round of the new and sprawl-

were eggs in South Africa but hatched in Preston (on Christ mas Day last year) and now sit in Greenside's damp paddock, looking like particularly vexed pensioners on the Guleley bus. The farmshop's £4.50 ostrich pies don't con-tain their relatives, but are elping to bring in custome Mr Emsley says: "We got them as an attraction really, for the kiddies to look at while their ping. But they breed after 21/4 years, so we're hoping to sell years, so we're nopulation the eggs for someone else to

ng Westfield estate

The great are they poultry-or livestock? debate about ostriches has reached Warm Lane, where a huge wire double-fence now surrounds the birds' usual feed. "As far as keeping them goes, they're not poultry or livestock but dangerous wild animals'," says Mr Emsley. "I'm not sure it would be any worse than an angry cow, but they can give you quite a kick "

The till chimed up a healthy bill for five emu steaks for a delighted local woman ("No, it's not an alternative Christmas lunch, just a party this weekend"), while down at the Gaythorpes', John and Sheila ruminated cheerfully on the northern weather's abrupt shift from autumn damp to a seen wind and snow.

"First time this happened the weekend before a Christmas — we thought that's it no one's going to come and we'll be left with bundreds of trees," says Sheila. "But believe me, people turned up in droves, some of them with ledges, saying: Oooh, this is lovely. This is just the sort of veather, and just the sort of place we want to buy our

British hostage experts fly to Lima as stand-off continues with rebels holding hundreds of dignitaries Tis season to be SAS officers head for Peru

ian Biack in London and Jane Diaz-Limaco in Lima

BRITISH antiterrorist team in-cluding SAS officers was last night lying to the Peruvian capital, Lima, where armed guerrillas were holding up to 400 people in the Japanese ambassador's resilence while demanding the release of a similar number of ebels from prison.

The group of up to a dozen specialists will help the British ambassador in dealing with the hostage crisis, the Foreign office said. Talks were taking place yesterday between the Peru-

vian government and about 20 members of the Marxist Tupac Amaru guerrilla group — two of whom were said to be women — who seized the esidence on Tuesday during in official reception. President Alberto Fujimori,

who has cracked down hard on Peru's rebel groups, is of Japanese extraction. The rebels seem to have thought he might attend the reception. Troops and police were last night surrounding the residence compound, which sits behind a 15ft-high wall topped by a 10ft-high electric fence. The police — who say the rebels have an arsenal of rifles, machine guns, ammu-nition and grenades — had marksmen on nearby roofs.

The SAS officers are from the Hereford headquarters of the elite unit, which carried out the Iranian embas tage rescue in London in 1980. The team also includes civilians with counter-terrorist and negotiation experience and exntelligence gathering.
Germany was sending

counter-terrorist officials, while the United States was flying in a group of "security advisers" to join FBI agents. Roger Church, the deputy head of mission at the British need of mission at the British embassy in Lima, is among those being held. Mr Church, aged 50, has been allowed to telephone his embassy three times and was reported to be unharmed yesterday.

The Foreign Office's new counter temporary policy. counter-terrorism policy de-partment has been co-ordinat-

Nick Variey Sport Corres

PROFESSIONAL foot-

baller whose career was ended by an opponent's

tackle yesterday won an esti-mated £250,000 in a groundbreaking court case.
Brian McCord, formerly of

Stockport County, became the first player to win a High Court ruling for damages

against another player and his club. Other professionals who have sued opponents have either lost their cases or

seen them settled before they came to court.

came to court.

McCord, aged 28, who has been on income support since the incident almost four years ago, said he was delighted with Mr Justice Kennedy's decision. "It's been a very

long wait and I'm glad it's all over. I took the action be-cause I believed it to be the

right thing to do.
"But I would rather have

had my career intact than any

mount of compensation."

after ground-breaking ruling



Troops keep the press at a safe distance from the Japanese ambassador's residence in Lima, where dignitaries are being held hostage

the crisis. It can call on the resources of the military as well as the police, Home Office, MI5 and MI6. The rebels had threatened

to kill the hostages if their comrades were not freed, and the group's commander, Emilio Huertas, demanded to speak directly to Mr Fuji-mori. But no new deadline was set yesterday, and White-hall sources said: "We see a process of readiness to negoti-ate, which is better than the early threats to kill people."

Supervising the negotia- | minister, Yukihiko Ikeda, | dors from countries including tions is a mini-cabinet including the education minister Domingo Palermo, who was talking by phone to the guer-rillas. The Red Cross has been shuttling water and food into the compound, and a doctor the hostages appeared calm and healthy.

The residence is Japanese territory and President Fujimori technically needs Tokyo's permission to send in

£250,000 for tackle that ended soccer career

was last night on his way. Reports in Peru say some o the country's leading police officers are among those being held. They include the head of strategy at the anti-subversion police, Maximo Rivera, and his predecessor, Juan Carlos Dominguez, who was in charge of the operation during last year's Tupac Amaru slege in Lima, when

the group's number two, Mi-guel Rincón, was captured.

Japan, Brazil, Cuba and South Korea are being held. Peru's foreign and agricul-ture ministers, the president of the supreme court and dozens of Japanese business people were also inside.

The police are holding 45 waiters who were freed after the surprise stinck — an indi-cation that they have not completely discarded the theory that some rebels entered the party disguised as staff or as flower deliverers.

believed to have burst in through a hole blasted in the wall of a neighbouring building. It seems that at least some of them arrived in a van disguised as an ambulance.
The police acknowledge that the operation has been planned over months, despite the fact that intelligence

reports said the group was disorganised or even

Review

Classic that gets Ex-player first to win damages better with age

Michael Billington | phy capture precisely that blend of reality and fable. **Guys and Polls**

THE National is supposedly a repertory theatre. But whatever reservations one has about the policy of giving Guys and Dolls a straight run in the Ollvier until Easter are outweighed by the sheer vitality of Richard Eyre's production. If anything, it seems even better than it did 14 years ago.

It helps, of course, that the show is a classic. A musical is only as good as its book and this one, adapted by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows from Da-mon Runyon's Broadway fables, has a sublime wit. Even the fundamental idea is witty: that a tough gambler such as Sky Masterson, who accepts a bet that he cannot date a mis-sion-doll, should turn out to be

a natural soul-saving recruit. On top of that the show brims with lines that are both funny in themselves and stem from character: when the Hot Box girl, Miss Adelaide, says of her fiancé, Nathan Detroit: "I always thought how wonderful he would be if he was a different man," it says something about the eternal battle of the sexes. And Frank Loesser's music and lyrics, although conceived first, grow organically and easily out of the storyline. Indeed, they take us back to a lost era when musicals were not overweening pop-operas but instru-ments of delight pitched halfway between reality and fantasy. Eyre's production, John Gunter's astonishing neon-lit designs and David To-guri's unbeatable choreogra-

URDER squad detectives were last night still ques-tioning the girlfriend of al-

leged "road rage" victim Lee

Harvey. Police arrested Tra-cle Andrews, aged 27. two

weeks ago in connection with

the death of her fiance but had been unable to interview

her in connection with the

killing as she was immedi-ately admitted to hospital.

Mr Harvey, aged 25, an un-employed bus driver, died dose but was from stab wounds on a to hospital.

The title song, for instance, is staged against a background of a real Roxy Theatre where Scarlet Street, obliquely aluded to in the lyrics, is actually playing. But when Sky and Sarah Brown take off for Cuba we are in a fantasy work where bar-rooms erupt in bloodless violence and suddenly dissolve into vistas of

paradisal, star-kissed beache

The approach if almost filmic

in that real people are seen in a dream landscape. The cast is also every bit as good as it was in 1982 - some times better. Imelda Staunton, formerly a Hot Box hoofer, has now graduated to a perfect Miss Adelaide: slightly vulgar in her leopard-skin shoes but also sadly vulnerable in her longing for marriage and sassily intelligent in her realisa-tion that getting a man to the altar comes before character alteration. Henry Goodman's Nathan Detroit with his lunging, tough-shooting gait, is the epitome of the small-

time fixer, Clarke Peters lends Sky a fine mixture of stylish charm and natural conscience and Clive Rowe, eyes always lighting up at the prospect of nibbles, is an ideal Nicely-

My only quibbles would be that Joanna Riding's missionary heroine could do with a bit more grit and that the encores to Sit Down, You're Rockin' The Boat have turned into Gil-bert and Sullivan rituals. But this is a superb show that comes up fresh as paint and proves the musical can be not just a source of pleasure but also a work of art.

country lane near the cou

ple's home in Alvechurch Worcestershire. Miss An

drews, a former model, had

made a tearful public appear for help in finding the killer.

Her solicitor, Tim Robin-

son, sald Miss Andrews was

protesting her innocence

about any involvement in Mr Harvey's death. She was ar-rested after leaving a local hospital after taking an over-dose but was again admitted

This review has already appeared in some editions

'Road rage' fiancee quizzed

ing future was in ruins. From earning around £20,000 a year, he would have to find a job away from the only profession he

joined Derby County as an apprentice. He later signed as a professional and spent our years at the club. He was transferred to Barnsley before Stockport paid £100,000 for him in 1992. Aged 24 at the time of the accident, he could have expected at least 10 more years playing profession-ally, earning perhaps

But all he was entitled to when forced to quit was around £25,000 from the standard payouts sanc-tioned by the Professional Footballers' Association. Any member of the union who has to retire through injury is paid a one-off in-surance cheque of £5,000.

Gordon Taylor, chief execu-tive of the Professional Foottive of the Professional Foot-ballers Association (PFA), said: "Any successful case could encourage more, but we don't expect a flood and every case will be decided on its merits. We've had perhaps a dozen of these cases over the Saunders, now of Nottingham Forest, and his then club, Liverpool, two years ago. A judge ruled that Elliott launched a reckless challenge and Saunders injured him in trying to jump out of the way.
In the latest case Wales
manager Bobby Gould, a spectator at the game, told the
court: "I think it was a dreadyears. There are perhaps three or four in the pipeline. ful tackle with no attempt to

"But we have very mixed feelings ... we don't believe any member would deliber-ately injure another." play the ball."
Walter Williams, the Foot McCord's career ended at Swansea City's Vetch Field during a Third Division match in March 1983. ball League's assessor of the match refereeing, said the tackle was among the worst three he had seen in 40 years. He suffered a broken leg when he and Swansea captain, John Cornforth, challenged The referee awarded a free-kick after the linesman flagged for a late tackle. But Cornforth was not booked or sent off. None of the Stockport players remonstrated with

John Cornforth, challenged for a ball in midfield. McCord got to the 50-50 ball first, with Cornforth — sliding in and stretching — arriving around a 50th of a second later.

The judge said: "It's easy to see that with two big men running towards each other the forces are considerable and it is not surprising the firstures were severe." He concluded that, al though he understood why many witnesses said Corn-forth was playing the man, "that was not my conclusion", particularly as he had

The key issue was whether the tackle was high and aimed at the legs or the ball. This was the point on which former Chelsea player, Paul Elliott, lost a Il million damages claim against Dean ages claim against Dean are reputation as a fair player. But he added that the tackle was "inconsistent" with taking reasonable care. He suffer the ruling did not create a precedent: "It does not follow that those who play ing reasonable care. He stressed the ruling did not create a precedent: "It does not follow that those who play botball do not consent to the

risk of injury.

"There are very few professional footballers who assert that they have never fallen below the standards expected of them and if they do they are not to be believed."

Salford university, won 250,000 as interim payment for his pain and loss of earnings. The final figure — to be paid by Swansea City's insurers — will be decided next year.

McCord's solicitor, John Wedland caid: "I believe it is

McCord, of Chaddesden, Derbyshire, who is studying for a physiotherapy degree at

sions about such a system had proved fruitless. "We did take a look at a no-fault insur-ance scheme but it was felt it would not be in favour of fair play and would cost millions of pounds.

will be decided next year.

McCord's solicitor, John
England, said: "I believe it is
time for the sporting bodies to
devise some system of compensation without redress to
the courts."

of pounds."

Cornforth, aged 29, who last
week joined Wycombe Wanderers, said: "I'm disappointed by the decision but
now I just want to get back to
playing — and wish all the
best to Brian."



Brian McCord after the ruling

In addition, he receives six months pay from his contract — around £10,000 in McCord's case — and benefits from the club, usually including a testimonial ally including a testimonial is lost earnings.

— perhaps another £10,000.

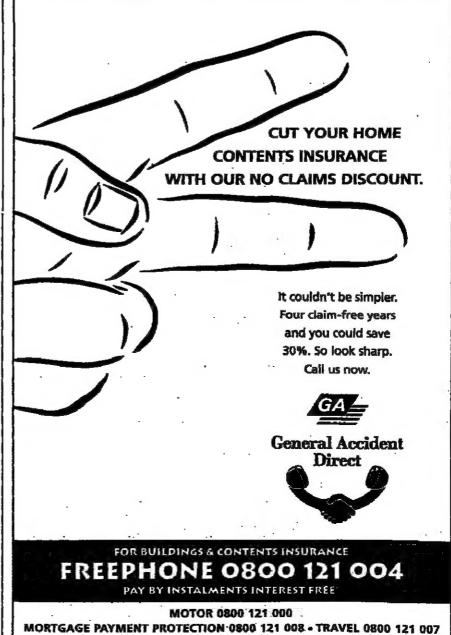
Players sometimes have additional insurance which they take out themselves but the premium rate of about one per cent can be prohibitive. Leading play-

ers have to pay thousand of pounds a year.

option but to sue to recover his lost earnings.

McCord, who was on

legal aid, was left with no



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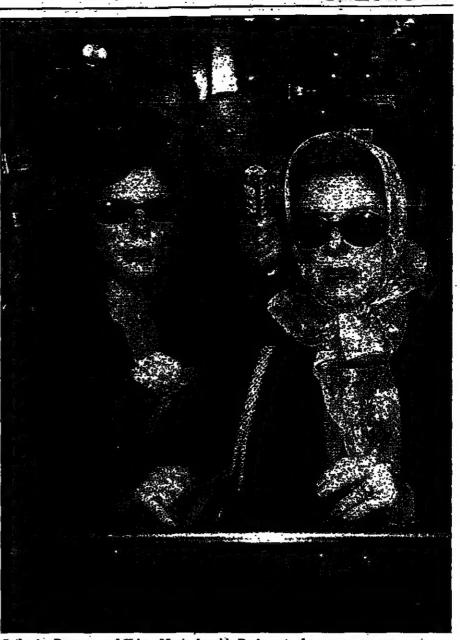
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Mastrolanni (left) and Sophia Loren in 1970 on the set in Padua of The Priest's Wife, directed by Dino Risi (centre)

Marcello Mastroianni:

'I seem to have been making the same film all my life. There's a kind of sadness, a kind of yearning for what might have been, or what might just still be. I think appeal best to those who have known romantic disappointment. l express best that life's difficult but that you have to go on'



Screen legend Marcello Mastroianni dies

Derek Malcolm, the Guardian's | mant that European films | like about life and love -- it is | effective cameo in Robert Altfilm critic, looks back at the distinguished acting career of the man known as II Bel Marcello

73. He had pancreatic cancer. His former partner, Cather-ine Deneuve, the French acress, and his two daughters — Chiara, Deneuve's child he left but never divorced were at his side at his home in Paris.

name in classic Italian films by Federico Fellini, Michelangelo Antonioni, Luchino Visconti and Vittorio De Sica, starred in well over 100 movies and be-came the epitome of the sophisticated, slightly world-

It was not a tag he appreci-ated. "I'm not a sex addict, I'm an actor just doing a job," he once said, adding that he was only cast as the journal-ist in Fellini's La Dolce Vita, his first big international suc-

his last years, he remained an ineliably handsome figure, often walking through his films with a resigned air that suggested a lifetime of roman-

He was a consummate screen actor whose lasting axiom was: "The less you do, the better you do it". Though he had many offers from Hollywood, he remained ada- You can imagine what you wian tale, and played an

This year, although obvi-ously unwell, he appeared at the Cannes festival to support his latest film, Raoul Ruiz's Three Lives and Only One Death, in which he had the difficult task of playing three characters who turn out to be the same person. Only the fact that international juries at Cannes had already given

vented him winning a third.

His modesty, which allowed him to help less experienced actors and actresses in his used him in White Nights in 1957 after he had been a mem-ber of the director's amateur theatre company in the imme-diate post-war years, said: "If you have Marcello in your film, you have to use him most of the time. Why? Be-

The distinguished French producer Toscan du Plantier called him "perhaps the greatest European actor of the last 50 years".

He was not an immediate screen success. After a good early career on the stage, he appeared in a number of Italian films that did not show

But after playing the womanising journalist in La Dolce Vita he found himself much in demand. Antonioni cast him to great effect in the mysterious La Notte, Fellini delight his performance as the effete Sicilian in Pietro Germi's Divorce, Italian Style and then in De Sica's Mar-riage, Italian Style. Later, the British director John Boor-man used him to great effect as a rich benefactor in Leo The Last. Latterly, he was magnifi-cent in Dark Fure. a Chekho-

He seemed lost without work, appearing in rather more films than was wise. Some of them suggested his weariness with the world was also boredom with his parts. But he still held the affection of the public, whether he was showing his under-used sense of humour as the elderly tap dancer in Fellini's Ginger and

Fred or playing a worn-ou but still desired Casanova. He appeared with most of Europe's more potent female stars including Sophia Loren, Brigitte Bardot, Anita Ek-berg, Jeanne Moreau, Giu-letta Masina and Monica stars such as Faye Dunaway and Shirley MacLaine. None

could upstage him.

remember only about 10 mo-ments in his work very clearly.

"I seem to have been making the same film all my life." When asked what that film was, he said: "There's a kind of sadness, a kind of yearning what might just still be. I think I appeal best to those who have known romantic disappointment. I think I ex-

press best that life's difficult but that you have to go on. "I have gone on, perhaps too long. But I've been fortunate. In my case the struggle has been worth it, thanks to my friends. I could have applied been very fortunate.

La Dolce Vita

☐ Born: September 28.

☐ Childhood: Acted in

☐ Second world war: While working as a draftsman. troops occupying Rome and sent to a forced labour camp. Escaped to Venice.

university theatre

☐ Marriage: To Flora Carabella, an actress, in

wife to live with actre Catherine Deneuve. They had a daughter, Chiara, before separating a few years later.

☐ Career: More than 120 films since debut as a lead in 1947 in Les Miserables.

☐ Major films include: Fellini's La Dolce Vita, 1960: Divorce Italian Style. Women, 1980; Ginger and Fred, 1986; Three Lives and Only One Death, 1996.

Greer declares his firms insolven

Clients desert lobbyist after he and Hamilton drop libel action

OBBYIST ian Green, the central figure in the parliamentary sleaze scan-dal, has declared his three main companies are insolvent, it emerged yesterday. The one-time king of West-minster influence-brokers has called in accountants to prepare for liquidation.

Ian Greer Associates, the UK arm, and Ian Greer Assoof blue-chip clients that once included British Airways. Thames Water and PowerGen evaporate after his September 30 High Court humiliation. Mr Greer climbed down at the last minute from a multimillion-pound libel action

against the Guardian, which had named him as middleman in the cash-for-questions af-fair involving Conservative

"The publicity surrounding this has cost him his busi-ness," said the accountant

ago, according to a source close to the insolvency, when the self-styled "political ani-

now running the bankrupt empire. "His clients have gone clsewhere and it is now up to us to find out what

burgh and subject to Scottish insolvency law and the fifth is the holding company. The end came for Mr Greer's empire a few days

mal" was told by his accoun-tant that matters could not continue in the way that they were. Total debts are not yet known, nor whether creditors will be paid in full.

Should there be a shortfall, the Official Receiver may investigate what was once the most powerful lobbying machine in Westminster. Since the 1970s, Mr Greer had im-ported high-pressure Ameri-can lobbying techniques and built himself an enviable cli-

More than 20 MPs took campaign money, and Mr Greer says he raised £750,000 for the Conservative Party Three of the five Ian Green companies are to be wound up; a fourth is based in Edinduring the decade 1985-95.
The former minister Neil
Hamilton — Mr Greer's coplaintiff against the Guardian
— took £10,000 from Mr

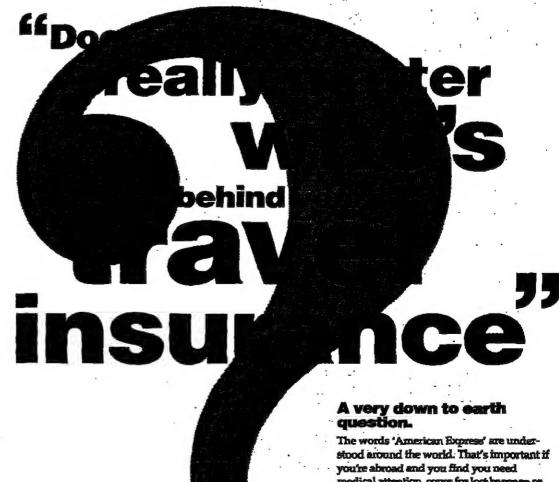
Already, many of Mr Greer's remaining British clients have been handed over to

lobbyist Adele Biss & Co. Events unconnected with the sleaze scandal, principally the ousting of Pakistani prime minister Benazir Bhutto, have damaged his interna-tional operation, IGA International, once thought to be the only viable part of the busi-

ness remaining.
Mr Greer has asked Keith Goodman, partner with accountants Leonard Curtis, to assist in winding up the businesses. Creditors will meet on January 7, when Mr Goodman will be proposed as

Leonard Curtis said: "In the meantime, Mr Goodman is investigating the demise of the business and a full report will be given after the creditors' meeting." Mr Goodman said he would

prepare for the winding-up "in a way which ensures the maximum return to cred-



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Duke apologises but polls back his stand on handguns

irrational to target gun clubs; it was the person, not the

weapon, that was dangerous. In a Radio 5 Live poll, 68 per cent (2,784) of those who called in agreed with the duke's comments. The question asked was: "Do you agree with the comments of the Duke of Edinburgh that a complete ban on handguns is

an over-reaction to the events at Dunblane?"

Of a most 10.000 GMTV | viewers who phoned a tele-phone poll answering the question "Is the prince reflection that was not a wise right?", 75 per cent said yes. And in a Sky News poll of more than 7,000 viewers, 72 per cent agreed with the duke's comments.

Ann Pearston, spokeswoman for the Dunblane Snowdrop petition, said: "My only conclusion is that the shooting community get early when aroused."

Tony Blair, the Labour

George Robertson, shadow Scottish secretary and a resident of Dunblane, welcomed the duke's expression of regret, but said of the comments: "This is just the view of a very uninformed old man. They are the views of one aristocrat based on a completely crazy comparison."

the affair, possibly because the handgun issue divides his party. A Harris poli published cent of Tory backbenchers favour leaving the gun laws

Michael Yardley, national spokesman of the pro-gun group the Sportsman's Association, said: "Shooting is one of the safest sports in

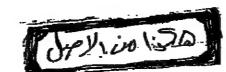


Traditionally, fact has very little to do with this best-beloved of movie debates. It is mood and feel and politics that matter. You don't even need to have seen a film before denouncing it.

Peter Preston

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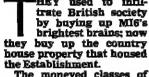
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Russia's elite go west for a good life in the Home Counties

James Meikle on eager investors and the return of 'swinging London'



The moneyed classes of Russia and eastern Europe are as tempted by a dacha

expensive Home Counties homes within easy reach of London, their children's private schools, and Heath-row and Gatwick airports. New homes with good se curity are prime targets for the eager investors in search of the good life, according to Knight Frank, the posh people's estate

terest rates and a strong Its annual survey on

country homes selling for more than £750,000 found that a quarter of foreign buyers came from behind

don are going to overseas buyers, as the capital en swinging '60s.

joys its best image since the

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and Parker, says eight in 10 of its residential properties

East European buyers like contemporary homes with good security and everything in place (above and top left), according to estate agents

"Here people get every-ing they want without having to queue for it and with out having to go to the black market." Russians and Czechs nor

mally sought contemporary

pean buyers liked some-where "they do not have to touch and they can just turn the key", with the latest security.

Russia, they can open their wings a little bit more." The Russian rush for

reports a surge in British drop in sales to Far Eastern buyers with the return of large city bonuses, low in large city bonuses, large city bonuse them President Yeltsin's E15.000-a-year Millfield School in Somerset last term. However, last year also saw 78 per cent of such properties going to Britons

Strutt and Parker said overseas buyers, including most of their hor though young wealthy Britons were also looking for town houses in fashionable areas such as Chelses.

place. London is the place to

Judge lifts jail ban on reporters | Cathedral row ends with dean's exit

Prohibition of interviews ruled as interference with free speech

nalists interviewing inmates in prison was yesterday ruled illegal by the High Court as an unjustified interference with the right of

The landmark ruling on restrictions on prisoners' access to the press marked a victory for two journalists, freelance Bob Woffinden and BBC Wales reporter Karen Voisey, who had been investi-

gating two alleged miscar-riages of justice. Mr Woffinden said the decision was "very good news for press freedom. A lot of prison-

ers who have pressing con-

form the press." He believed the Home Office had used the blanket ban to create "as little publicity as possible" about miscarriages of justice cases.

Adrian Clarke, solicitor for one of the inmates involved in the case, said that until the ruling journalists had rarely prisoners. The restriction on access had been a tremendous fetter on the ability of journalists to investigate serious concerns about cases. In major investigations, repor-ters had to resort to subter-

fuge to interview inmates during visiting hours. The ruling by Mr Justice Latham followed test cases brought by two prisoners, Ian Simms and Michael O'Brien,

they say they did not commit. Mr Woffinden, a former Yorkshire Television documentary maker and author of a book, Miscarriages of Jus-tice, was banned from further visits to Simms in Full Sutton prison, in York, unless he

The ban followed a com-Simms's victim that she was distressed by an article by Mr Woffinden on the case. Karen Voisey was turned

signed an undertaking not to

publish any material he ob-

away from Long Lartin prison in Worcestershire after refusing to sign a simi lar non-publication undertaking before seeing O'Brien. The judge said the blanket ban on using material obtained in a visit was not "justified as the minimum inter-

ference necessary with the right of free speech". Al-

though inmates had the right to write to journalists, the knowledge the letters would be read by prison officials often had a chilling effect on a frank exchange of views. He said an undertaking could be devised to allow con-

which the prisoner makes serious representations about their case, or serious comments about crime, the processes of justice or the penal system. The Prison Service told the court one reason for the ban was to stop prisoners commu-nicating material which might further distress their victims or their families or

"outrage the public at large".

Mr Justice Latham said since inmates could write to the press he could see no reason why they should be stopped from making the same point orally. He said he

Christmas boycott by bishop

terminates seven-year 'scandal'

enough" and will resign by the spring, ending one of the longest and most bitter personality wrangles in the Church of England for

The Very Rev Brandon Jackson said he no longer had any appetite for the battle lutely fed up with all the inthat for seven years tore apart Lincoln Cathedral Hitherto he had lucited he would not be hed lucited by world not be deady of the control of the provided not be a world not be a control of the provided not be a world not be a world not be a control of the provided not be a world not be a worl he had insisted he would not today's Church Times.

quit unless the cathedral's "The lack of either finan-

Canterbury, George Carey, against me, have finally worn called for both men to resign me down. I do feel very de-

lems as "a scandal which has

pute came to a head when the Bishop of Lincoln, the Rt Rev Robert Hardy — who has no power to dismiss either man snnounced he would not at-

over Christmas. "If the archbishop wants

sub-dean, Canon Rex Davis, cial or moral support from also resigned. In July, the Archbishop of court cases he brought



Brandon Jackson: Fed up with innuendo and lies'

pressed now," he adds. But Canon Davis reiterated his determination not to resign. "The dispute has always been between the bishop and Dean

In July 1995, Dean Jackson was subjected to a trial before a consistory or Church court on charges of sexual impro-priety with a verger. After he was cleared, he accused the bishop and other cathedral him down. On several occa-sions, he referred to an evil

Last year, votes of no confi-dence in the dean by cathe-dral staff, over his allegedly abrasive management style, failed to budge him. This prompted an unprecedented intervention by Dr Carey, who sent a fact-finding team to Lincoln. But in a direct rebuff to the archbishop's authority, even this failed.

The dean's lawyers and Lambeth Palace are negotiat-



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EU survey shows drop in support

EWER than half the inhabitants of the European Union now see their country's membership as a good thing and one in six would vote to leave, according to a survey compiled by EU statisticians.

Although nearly two thirds of the 16,300 people ques-tioned across all 15 member states would still vote to remain in the EU, for the first time the percentage support-ing the principle of the EU has dropped below 50 per

The trend showing support for the union down to 48 per cent - six points down on last year — has continued since 1990. The six-monthly Eurobaro

meter poll questions 1,000 people in each member state with the exception of the UK, where an extra 300 are polled in Northern Ireland, Germany, where 1,000 are questioned in both the old western and eastern halves, and Luxembourg where only 500 are

to be among the more Eurosceptical nations, though with sharp regional varia-tions. Overall in the UK, 41 per cent believed membership to be a good thing and 21 per cent believed it to be bad. By comparison, 46 per favoured the union, with 13 per cent opposed, while in France it was 53 per cent to 13 per cent — exactly the EU

the EU in Northern Ireland Wales and Scotland than in England as a whole, although only Berkshire, Buckingham-shire and Oxfordshire regis tered more support than the EU average, with 55 per cent in favour compared with 23 per cent against.

South Yorkshire was the only region with more people in favour of leaving then compared.

in favour of leaving the ing in (31 per cent to 30 per cent) — although there was a tie between the two sides in Devon and Somerset at 31 per cent each. The poll found most men

ber states remained heavily in favour of membership, but there were heavy drops in support in Belgium (down 17 per cent), Germany (down 14 per cent) and Denmark (down 11 per cent). Strikingly, the three newest members, Finland, Sweden and Austria, who entered at

the start of last year, are reg-

istering the lowest levels of support for the EU. The poll found only just over a quarter of those questioned in Austria and Sweden in favour of the union and 37 per cent in Finland. The greatest levels of enthusiasm for the EU are in Ire-land, where 75 per cent believe membership to be a good thing and only 4 per cent are against. Similar percent-ages are also recorded in the Netherlands, Italy and Lux-

embourg.
Overall, 45 per cent of those questioned believed their countries benefited from membership and 34 per cent did not — a narrowing gap, far removed from the 80 to The pollsters found much 25 per cent recorded just behigher levels of support for fore the recession in 1990.

Minister orders adoption review to reduce 'unacceptable' delays

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

LL local authority adoption services must be reviewed, ministers said yesterday after inspectors found unacceptable delays in

Scrutiny of six sample authorities found that almost one in four children for adop-tion had to wait more than three years for placement. More than half of all children aged six to 10 were unplaced after three years. More than one in three

adoptive parents had to wait longer than two years for a child after their application

Simon Burns, junior health strategic planning, assess-minister responsible for social services, said: "Key lescare planning — the same sons should be learned and problems highlighted in the finding parents who are 410, Wetherby, LS237LN; free

applied. Local authorities | fostering report. need to review their adoption

The study of adoption pro-cedures in England, by the Government's Social Services Inspectorate, comes a week after a similar report on fos-tering. That, too, was critical of standards and prompted ministers to order a review. The six adoption services inspected were Bury, Greater Manchester, Cheshire; East Sussex; Warwickshire; and

the south London boroughs of Croydon and Southwark. Inspectors found some good practice, including the striking of balance between the interests of children, birth and adoptive parents. But they also found weaknesses in

from prolonged court proceedings, overlong assess ment processes and inade-quate monitoring of children and adopters. The impact of this is so

thorities that adoptive parents could only exceptionally be single. One in 20 of those being considered by the sample authorities was single. Sir Herbert Laming, the chief inspector, said yester-day's report showed that "social services need to

Delays in adoption arose

much greater on young lives," says the inspectors' report, For Children's Sake. "The risk of placement dis-ruption increases the older children are when placed." The inspectorate told aunot be right."

match parents to children much more effectively by

specific age groups".

The British Agencies for Adoption and Fostering said it believed delays in arrang-ing placements occurred because some authorities were reluctant to look outside their own areas for suitable adopters. Felicity Collier, the group's director, said: "This means that children must wait, for months or even years, before a family in their own region is found. This can-

The number of adoptions has fallen sharply in recent years. There were almost 25,000 in England and Wales in 1968, but fewer than 5,000 in 1995 — about half of which

For Children's Sake; Department of Health, PO Box

Scientists claim BSE advance

Tim Radford

S SCIENTISTS believe some of the mystery of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) and Creutz-feldt-Jakob disease (CJD). They have traced the way a versions, and there is a range maverick protein in the brain of encephalopathies of sheep, might turn other proteins off. Professor Stanley Prusiner, of the University of California at San Francisco, is the author of the once controver-sial "prion hypothesis". For-

s, which end in dementia and death, are identified by they have unravelled microscopic sponge-like holes But even classical CJD -

the type that existed before BSE - strikes in a number of cattle, mink and other animals. The problem was to ex-plain how one protein could be responsible for all of them. The healthy prion protein is chemically the same as the years he argued that diseases rogue one. The difference is them with fragments of brain such as CJD and BSE were not caused by slow-acting vinal prion in a beef ham of CJD or a variation of CJD. ruses but by infectious pro- burger, the theory goes, is called Fatal Familial Insom-

tion and gets into the nervous | died, the scientists found that system via the spleen. But the deformations in the what puzzled scientists was prions in the mice brains how a simple change could cause a number of different diseases.

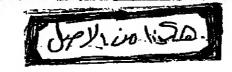
report in the US journal, Science, today that they have life that does not use DNA. an answer.

They used genetically-engineered mice susceptible to human prions, and injected go to their grave

tein particles which went simply broken down by diges nia. The prion proteins in haywire and switched off tive itices: a rogue version each case are folded differother proteins. The prion dissurvives cooking and diges ently, and when the mice matched the original infection.

rroressor Prusiner and collegues at Case Western University in Cleveland, Ohio, is where the control is that The implication is that lies: it also implies a form of Some biologists are not likely

"There are people who will go to their graves believing these diseases are caused by viruses," said one of the team, Glenn Teling of Case



Window shopping . . . A London toy store's dancing snowmen catch the eye of a potential cust

Unlawful sale of homes by second Tory council

SECOND Conservative council was yes terday found guilty of ful housing sales policy, sparking Labour attempts to link the Government to the

The District Auditor, Rowland Little, ruled that the London borough of Wands-worth "misdirected itself in worth inscreens itself in law" by selling empty flats in-stead of offering them to the homeless. But he found no evidence of wilful misconduct by individuals. The Opposi-tion leapt on the report, linking it to the "homes for votes" scandal in nearby Westmin ster, where another auditor in June decided to surcharge its former leader, Lady Shir-

served apology" from Sir Paul Bereaford, a junior environ-ment minister who was for-menty leader of Wandsworth,

although he had left before the decisions that sparked the

inquiry. Mr Little, a partner with the accountants, Binder Hamdeclare new areas for its vol-mary sales policy were un-lawful. They were based on a flawed report from officers, which failed to take into ac-count duties to the homeless, sales programme on them and those in medical or social need, the size of properties

mearly £32 million for "gerrymandering" in eight key
wards, a decision they are to
challenge in the courts.

Labour called for an "unreLabour called for an "unregage lenders proved reluctant to provide money on properties with severe maintenance

Mr Little said the officers' report "served to undermine the decision making process". The council should have formulated a policy that bal-anced its desire to extend lyn, said decisions in 1992 by home ownership with duties the south London authority to to the homeless, But Mr Little found "no evidence that the council's voluntary sales poiicy was adopted for an im-proper purpose or took into account an irrelevant considaration, namely the electoral advantage of the majority party, as alleged by the

His report said the policy operated by Wandsworth be-

tudes is not being promoted."

Next mostly the national forum will be asked to approve a new version of the values statement including:

"We as a society should sup-port marriage as the tradi-tional form of family whilst

cil had since changed its policles. But Hilary Armstrong, shadow local government spokesman, said: "The people of Wandsworth deserve an explanation and unreservedly apology from the current council's leadership and from Sir Paul Beresford."

Sir Paul, housing policy chairman from 1980 to 1983 and leader from then to May 1992, is in Italy on government business. An aide said Wands-worth had received legal ad-vice that differed from Mr Little's conclusion, and that his report accused no individual of misconduct. Edward Lister, present council leader, said acted reasonably based on a

Moral education 'could lead to improved exam results'

Education Corres

ORAL education in schools could improve pupils' exam results, Nicholas Tate, the Government's chief curriculum adviser, said

As part of a national state-ment of values drawn up for the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, schools will be urged to pro-mote marriage as the ideal for family life. This follows an earlier draft by a national

forum of church and faith bodies and other organisa-tions that was criticised by Christian groupe and Tory politicians for failing to specify marriage in its statement of support for families. Asked about the potential

effect on schools of the statement of values, Mr Tate, the authority's chief executive, said the four countries that came top in a recent international comparison of maths and science performance -Hong Kong, Japan, Korea and

"Countries that have ex- secure and happy childhood can be found in families of other kinds." their curriculum seem to be performing extremely well ac-ademically," he said.
"Schools not doing well are often those where a clear statement of values and atti-A national poll and survey

of organisations found strong backing for the statement. There was a consensus in society on what our core moral values were, said Mr Trate. "Schools can be certain that in moral education based ues, they are strongly supported by society in general. The values would not be part of the national curriculum, but — all had moral recognising that the love and there would be a mo

Hunt for IRA 'bomb' lorry

Police appeal to trace Ford iveco used to move explosives

Vivek Chaudharv

OLICE last night ap-pealed for information about a 7.5 tonne Ford Iveco lorry which they said bomb-making equipment around Britain

police raided a lorry yard in north-west London on Mon-day. Commander John Grieve, head of the Anti-Terrorist Branch, said the yard had "been clearly used by the Provisional IRA". The lorry was thought to have

lorry was thought to have been in the IRA's possession since February.

"We believe the lorry was used at some stage to trans-port bomb-making equipment — possibly innocently. On the other hand, it may be part of

the terrorists 'transport''
It was described as white
with blue curtain sides and
had the remnants of faded,

ξ.



A lorry similar to the IRA vehicle sought by police

inated in Ireland. Mr Grieve said that police were particularly keen to trace the lorry's movements in June and July, when it is known to have been in the

north London area. It was unlikely that it was still being used by the IRA.
The Metropolitan Police
Commissioner, Sir Paul Con-

don, yesterday appealed for public vigilance over the Christmas period.

The Social Democratic and unreadable sign-writing on Labour Party leader. John the cab doors. Burs under the Hume, yesterday held talks platform and the bumper with loyalist prisoners inside were red. It may have a C or D the Maze prison as part of visit to Belfast.

registration number but original efforts to revive the peace Mr Hume said that he had

been surprised at how posi-tive the two hours of discussions were, given the back-ground of some of the men he met. But they had warned him that their ceasefire should not be taken for

The US Congressman, Joe Kennedy, claimed that Gerry Adams has told him that he would be able to secure a per manent IRA ceasefire if Sinn

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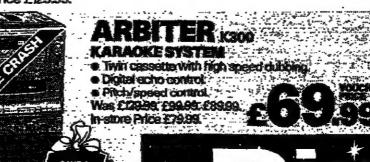
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Guardian tops 'leaks' list as report refutes **Hesettine** bid to cite Labour

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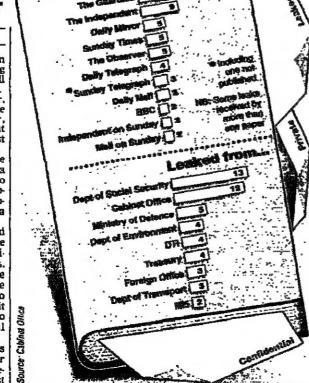
THE Guardian has been disclosed as the leading recipient by far of Whitehall leaks over the past two years. A Cabinet Office paper, drawn up at the request of the Deputy Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine, shows that 24 of the 70 leaks were first published in this gasyspaper. published in this newspaper. Mr Heseltine ordered the Cabinet Office to produce a report after MPs asked him to back up his allegation that politically motivated Labour supporters were responsible for a Whitehall "leak culture".

The report has identified

430 Whitehall leaks since 1980, but does not substantiate Mr Heseltine's claims "Civil servants are not the only people who have had the opportunity, or the motive, to have been responsible," it says. It makes no reference to Labour-supporting civil

in a note to the Commons public service committee, Mr Heseltine has told it to "disregard" claims he made last week that a Labour candidate was in the Treasury — a mis-take described by John Prescott, Labour's deputy leader, as

a "humiliating climbdown". Sir Robin Butler, the Cablnet Secretary and head of the Civil Service, also refused to ham Mather, of a concerted First Division Association, endorse Mr Heseltine's attempt to smear the Civil which represents top civil claims that leaks were all possessions that leaks were all possessions that leaks were all possessions after Mr Mather proservants, called the exercise litically inspired. He pointed duced a report based on com"completely bogus".

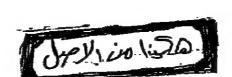


Who's leaking to who

out that 70 per cent of the doc- | puterised searches of newsuments were leaked directly to the media, without any abour Party involvement. However, Whitehall offi-cials vesterday accused Mr Heseltine, and Tory MEP Gra-

paper articles for the word "leak", claiming civil ser-vants had leaked 80 sensitive documents this year.

Jonathan Baume, general secretary-designate of the



Jane Díaz-Límaco in Lima reports on the costly repercussions of Peru's hostage crisis

Fujimori policy backfires

nese ambassador's residence in Lima is a personal blow for the country's maverick president, Alberto Fujimori.

By choosing the residence of this particular country's chief envoy, the Tupac Amaru rebels have taken into Amaru receis nave taken into account Mr Fujimori's Japanese roots and his close links with the country, which he has visited several times since taking office for his first in 1990.

Lages Inside the taking all taken into account Mr Fujimori's government programme.

Mr Fujimori has always played up the fact that he is of Japanese emigré stock, adopt-ing his popular nickname "El Chino" and saying that people of Japanese descent stand for hard work, austerity and

The rebels may therefore have hoped that Mr Fujimori, who generally shuns Lima's cocktail party circuit, might de an exception to attend the official reception in honour of the Japanese em-peror — the occasion when

Anger

Larry Robter In Guatemala City

acts of violence.

to bring criminal charges.

signed on December 29, legis-lators moved to limit debate so that they could rush to a

Local politicians defend the amnesty as the only way to put aside hatred and move

towards democracy in a country exhausted and devas-

terness - not reconciliation.

victim to it are totally opposed to this extremely broad amnesty," said Karen Fischer, a Guatemalan lawyer

who heads the Alliance Against Impunity, a coalition of human rights, religious

and indigenous groups fight-

ing the measure.
"The attitude is one of eras-

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tated by civil war.

day night. He did not, but the presi

dent's mother, Matsue, and his sister, Juana, were at the party and were released by rebels with groups of women on Tuesday night. Mr Fujimori's brother, Pedro, is among the hundreds of hostages inside the residence.

Now the rebels' demand for

ernment programme.
Since 1992, his government
has been characterised by its
hard line on suspected rebels.
Human rights groups have

been angered because it has regularly preferred to assume guilt rather than innocence of Citing rebel violence and court judicial impotence be-

cause of corruption and fear as the main reasons for his 1992 coup, Mr Fujimori suspended constitutional guaran-tees and introduced a new

military courts in almost summary trials. Masked judges presided over all subversion cases.

The prison regime for convicted rebels is harsh. Those considered leading rebels are forbidden visits for a year, after that they are allowed one short visit a month from

human rights groups claimed about 600 were innocent.

It seems unlikely that Mr Fujimori will accept the face-to-face negotiations de-manded by the rebel group as this would undermine his noholds-barred approach. The designation of the edu-cation minister, Domingo Pa-

Whatever the outcome of the crisis . . . we have all lost in Peru'

one relative. They are allowed | lermo, a relatively new cabiout of their cells for half an | net minister, and not a memhour a day and denied outside reading material like

ewspapers. Mr Fujimori's tough stand produced results helped by a law in 1993 that offered more lenient sentences or protec-tion to rebels who turned themselves in, on the condition that they identify other guerrillas. Under Mr Futimori, the

ber of the Fujimori inner circle, as its representative in negotiations is a sign that the president is keeping his

to please the Japanese, Mr Fu-jimori might be forced into of-fering to release some rebel cultural centre, were also prisoners in a hostage swap.
Such a move would be the rebel insurgency in the early

HE Peruvian rebel | the guerrillas struck on Tues- | rebels. Most of the higher | rebel prison population rose | prestige in a year in which he seizure of the Japa- | day night. | ranking rebels were tried by | to more than 5,000, although | has been sliding in opinion

The hostage crisis is also threatening Peru's carefully rebuilt international relations and recovering tourism

Mr Fulimori has just secured acceptance of Peru as a full member of the Asian Pacific Economic Co-operation Forum (Apec) with Japanse support. The government had also succeeded in rescheduling its Paris Club Debt and finalised terms with commercial bank debtors on money

owed since 1984.
The seizure of the ambassador's residence also threatens Japanese state employees in Peru. Tokyo withdrew all its reru. Tokyo wimarew ali ifs negotiations is a sign that the president is keeping his distance.

But hemmed in by his wish to please the learness of the learne

The decline in political violence since the Shining Path leader, Abimael Guzman, was captured in September 1992 had gradually wooed back the

Japanese. Although Japanese invest reached the proportions that some Peruvians expected when they elected Mr Fuji-mori, Japanese aid to Peru since 1990 totals \$2.2 billion (about £1.3 billion).

A sharp slide of 4 per cent on the all-share index of the Lima stock exchange on Wednesday, forcing trading to be suspended, underlined the risks associated with foreign investment in emerging

aroused by the hostage crisis will harm another Fujimori goal of fuelling growth in tourism.

A sociologist, Fernando Ro-spigliosi, said: "Whatever the outcome of the crisis, the results are going to be very negative for Peru. We have all

News in brief

Bhutto's husband on murder charge

THE husband of Benazir Bhutto, the ousted prime minister of akistan, has been charged with masterminding the murder of her brother, Murtaza Bhutto, authorities said yesterday. The charge against Asif Ali Zadari was made shortly after a Sindh high court ordered him to be freed from jail, where he has been held since his wife's government was dismissed in No-vember. He was still in custody when the charge was filed.

Mortaza Bhutto, who had become a political rival of his sister, was shot dead outside his home in southern Karachi on september 20. He had established a breakaway faction of her September 20. He had established a breakaway faction of her Pakistan People's Party, but was not considered a real threat to Ms Bhutto's political survival. — AP, Karachi.

Rao quits as Congress chief

THE former Indian prime minister, P. V. Narasimha Rao, yesterday stepped down as leader of the Congress (I) party's parliamen-tary delegation, his last party post, amid a farry of corruption

Mr Rao, who was prime minister from 1991 until May this year, was served an ultimatum to quit by the Congress president, Staram Kesri, after parliamentary deputies passed an unprece-dented resolution on Wednesday asking him to resign in the interest of party unity. Prime Minister H. D. Deve Gowda's shaky United Front coalition depends on Congress for support.

Commentators say Congress leaders such as Sharad Pawar, widely seen as the main contender along with Mr Kesri to succeed Mr Rao, lack the appeal to consolidate the party. Mr Rao, aged 75, has been charged in three separate corruption He denies any

California scouts accept gays

THE scout movement's 86-year-old ban on homosexuals has been litched by a California branch, prompting a nationwide row in

The San Francisco Bay Area scout council decided to welcome homosexuals, so long as they do not "openly advocate" a gay estyle. Scout leaders in the region said the new rules were in line with existing national guidelines — which do not include questioning of potential members or leaders about their sexual orientation — and that their aim was simply to make scouting "asexual and apolitical".

But national officials, who have been busy fleiding calls from parents across the US, insisted the bar on openly gay men and boys — in place since the movement's foundation by Baden, Powell in 1906 — remained in force. "Nothing has changed," said a spokesman. — Richard Thomas, Washington.

Backing for H-bomb veterans

RESEARCH into the effects on New Zealand veterans of British hydrogen bomb tests is to go ahead after their government confirmed it would provide £80,000 to help sue Britain.

The cash will allow the NZ Test Veterans Association to explore legal channels to claim compensation for injuries it claims were due to tests at Christmas Island in 1957 and 1958. The association intends to bring a joint action on behalf of its 370 members, a mixture of veterans and veterans' widows.

The grant came as final details were armounced of a coalition agreement drawn up by the National Party and NZ First, whose leader Winston Peters is believed to be behind the move. There was, however, no mention of the agreement ushering in a referendum on New Zeeland becoming a republic, an Idea which had been touted last week. It is thought the subject has been dropped. — Giles Wilson, Wellington

Mother Teresa back home

MOTHER TERESA walked out of hospital in India yesterday, three weeks after her third heart operation in five years.

The 86-year-old Nobel peace prize winner made her way out of Calcutta's BM Birla Heart Research Centre unaided. Smiling. ing, she bowed to the crowd outside and climbed into a car.

Sisters rang the chapel bell as she was carried up steps into her Missionaries of Charity order. Nuns crowded around her, ap-plauding, singing and dancing.

Doctors praised Mother Teresa's recovery. "On at least four occasions she was almost dead, but she pulled herself up," said Dr

Woman sues fake husband

AN American woman has begun legal proceedings against her husband after discovering he is a woman. Margaret Hunter married her partner, Thorne Groves, after a whiriwind romance

which began on the Internet. 'Mr' Groves had claimed to be a businessman seeking love before he died of Aids, and the two did not have sex because of his alleged condition. But after four months of marriage Ms Hunter became suspicious when her husband's health did not appear to

became suspicious when her hilsband's health did not appear to worsen and he continued to wear heavy bandages across his chest — which he had claimed were necessary after a car accident. After making birth certificate and passport checks, she discovered he was really Holly Groves, a Teram woman.

Ms Hunter is suing Ms Groves for \$575,000, (2340,000) alleging fraud and misrepresentation. She wants the court to order repayment of money she spent on food, shelter, transportation, telephone calls and cable TV during the relationship. — Washington Post.

Pope welcomes Arafat

THE Pope received the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, yesterday at the Vatican where they discussed the Middle East peace process and tensions in Jerusalem. Mr Arafat also held talks with Archbishop Jean-Louis Tauran, the Vatican's foreign

news and views about the way the Middle East peace process is going," a Vatican statement said. "Particular attention was paid to the climate of tension and suffering in the Arab part of Jerusalem."— Reuter,

Vatican City. PHOTOGRAPH: GIULIO BROGLIO



Santa's mail hit by cutbacks

SEASONAL spirit is in short supply at post offices in Iceland and Greenland, where sackloads of letters to Santa are going unan-

careenand, where saccious of etters to same are going timanswered because of government cuts.

Siri Kveller of the Santa Claus of Greenland Foundation said many of the 130,000 letters addressed to "Santa Claus, North Pole, Greenland" had been dumped because government subsidies had run out. In Iceland, letters are being thrown away due to cash shortages at the tourist board, which used to fund replies. But there are no such problems in Norway, Sweden and Finland, where government sponsorship continues to allow re-sponses to more than a million letters. — John Henley, Helstnki.

After all these years, the musical can still surprise. Derek Malcolm

via, municipal elections have yet to be held, and civilian reconstruction has made a House meeting this week force would work under the long through the senior officials said.

| Dearisky intervention. A paramilitary police port. — The New York Harriers and a pair of air-times. Times.



Brigitte Bardot arrives in court yesterday, accompanied by her husband Bernard D'ormale, a National Front adviser

Brigitte Bardot denies race hatred charge

Alex Dural Smith in Paris

'You can't demand the I UNDREDS of Brigitte head of everyone," said Mario Flores Ortiz, the majority Bardot fans shouted "bon courage" and leader in the national assem-bly. He said his own father former actress arrived at a had been killed by guerrillas. But human rights leaders Paris court yesterday to face a charge of racism. Ms Bardot was being sued by anti-racism groups for and relatives of victims complain that the terms of the "provoking racial discrimi-nation and hatred" in two amnesty will spawn more bitnewspaper articles earlier this year. "All of us who had nothing to do with this armed conflict

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Absolute 1 and paigner wrote: "My grandfather and father fought courageously against German oppression and invasion in two world wars. Now ... France, my fatherland, is once again invaded, with the blessing of our leaders, by an overpopulation of foreigners, notably Muslims." Ms Bardot, who draws

Abraham — she wrote: by the article". Abraham — she wrote: by the article ".

"Ritual slaughters, often carried out illegally, are turning abattoirs into chambers of horror where animals — our animals — front tabloid weekly.

face torture worthy of the most atrocious pagan sacrifices."

After appearing in Le Figaro, the article was that people who come over hard on May 9 in National Hebdo, a National Hebdo,

The complaint against Ms | selling book in France this Bardot was brought by | decade, told a packed court three groups. Their lawyer, | "I am not a politician. I am

the public gallery when she asked: "Why should it be that people who come over here are allowed to go to

ner I fight under is the love

Royal Scots Dragoon Guards and the 1st Battalion, the

Green Howards, equipped

with Challenger tanks and Warrior armoured vehicles

respectively, are already in

place. Engineering and sig-nals units are being with-drawn as British numbers de-

cline from 6,000 to 5,000 over

will be reviewed every six

months, and if progress is good, some of the troops could

She drew applause from

German troops forge new role in Bosnia

David Fairhali

ing the page and starting all over again, and that is simply NEW Nato-led force A today takes responsi-bility for restoring unacceptable because we can-not tolerate impunity." peace in Bosnia with a bigger Human rights groups estimate that at least 100,000 people died in the civil war. German contribution — for the first time including ar- in Bosnia for the past year, moured combat units — but and S-for are a reduction in which reached its violent peak in early 1980. — New York Times. much smaller contingents

from most other countries.
Britain is sending 5,000 troops, it was announced yes-terday, a substantial reduc-tion from earlier levels of 12,000 and the current 6,000. That should cut the taxpay-er's annual bill from £335 million to £170 million.

The new force has been named S-For or "stabilisation" force more in hope than from a conviction that it can achieve political stability in the 18 months allocated to it. In spite of much brave talk at recent ministerial meetings. S-For will not be empowered to arrest the 74 indicted war criminals in former Yugoslavia, municipal elections have senior officials said.

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slow start. There is already that constitutional restraints airborne troops will continue. The two major components of ominous talk in Nato circles on overseas operations have to operate with the American the British battle groups, the multinational force, albeit with a quite different mandate and composition, to follow in 1998.

The main differences between I-For, which has been The German defence minismant that his troops should ters in Strasbourg. play a more active role now

tribution to I-For was con-

fined to logistic and medical Lithuania. units in Croatia, the Bundeswehr is now sending two arlargely from the multinater. Volker Ruhe, was ada- tional Eurocorps headquar-

cans in northern Bosnia, of the brutal record left by along with Nordic and Turk-Hitler's occupying troops in the former Yugoslavia. Whereas the German con-with the newcomers including Albania, Bulgaria and In Sarajevo, Britain is pro-

viding a deputy. Lieutenantand S-for are a reduction in overall size, from 55,000 to moured infantry battalions as 30,000 troops, the creation of genuine military reserves and the transfer of the southand the southand the transfer of the southand t Luka of the south-western sector, where the force in-

the next five weeks.

Retaining some tanks, with American Apache attack helieast sector of Bosnia to joint Franco-German headquarters whole operation. Britain franco-German command in south-east Bosnia drawn retains command from Banja copters on call in Sarajevo, is symptomatic of S-For's deterany outbreaks of fighting as the winter snows recede. Icludes Canadian, Czech, Two battalions of Russian Dutch and Malaysian units. gagement have been relexed hardly at all. But operations

US plans force to capture war crimes suspects

be withdrawn before the 18 months are up, and others based outside the region as a residual deterrent.

Air and naval units are in any case available in Italy.

Film awards turn spotlight on Britain

ian Kutz in New York

HE English Patient, the epic screen adaptation of Michael Ondante's 1992 Booker Prize winning novel, emerged as clear Oscar favourite yesterday after sweeping the nominations for the Golden Globes, the film prizes which are considered a reliable predictor Academy Award

The lavish two-and-a-half hour production, set in the Sabara and war-torn Italy, won a nomination in the best dramatic picture category, as well as nods for its leading man and woman, Ralph Figures and Kristin Scott Thomas. It collected a total of seven nominations, two more than any other

Mike Leigh's critically acclaimed Secrets and Lies was also shortlisted for best dramatic picture, with two members of its cast, Brenda Blethyn and Mari-anne Jean Baptiste, picking up nominations for their performances.

Evita, the relentlessly hyped adaptation of the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical starring the world's most famous single mum, and Shine, the story of the Australian piano prodigy David Helfgott, were also favoured when the Golden Globes shortlists were announced early yesterday in

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Both films received five nominations, as did The People vs Larry Flynt, Milos Forman's film on the life of the Hustler publisher and self-styled guardian of free speech who was left paralysed by an attempt on his life.

The English Patient was adapted and directed by Anthony Minghella, the screenwriter and director behind the successful dark comedy. Truly. Madly. Deeply. He received a best director nomination yesterday while Juliette Binoche was named in the best supporting actress category.

Although Mr Minghells and most of the cast of The English Patient are British,

York-based Miramax after 20th Century Fox dropped out of the project. It has been a surprise box office grossing more than \$14 million (about £8.7 million) in four weeks of release.

The film tells the story of Count Laszlo de Almasy, a Hungarian count and ex plorer, played by Mr Flennes and based on a real historical character. Almasy suffers appalling shot down over North Af-rica and winds up in an Allied military hospital in Italy.

The story flits between Italy, where the dying and amnesiac count is lovingly cared for by a Canadian military nurse (Juliette Binoche), and pre-war North Africa, where he had earlier had a torrid and doomed affair with the beautiful wife of an English spy (Kristin Scott Thomas). The Golden Globes are awarded by the 90 members of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, mostly relatively unknown foreign journalists who show up with notorious regularity on Hollywood junkets. Nevertheless, the Golden Globes, the winners of

The English Patient has been a surprise box office hit in the US

which will be announced on January 19, are closely watched as an indicator of which films will do well at the Oscars the following

Madonna was nominated for best actress in a musical for her performance as Eva Peron in Evita, while fellow chanteuse. Barbra Streisand, was shortlisted for her performance in The Mirror has Two Faces. AnHouse of secrets and lies



A letter found by his wife in their Virigina home (above) led to Earl Edwin Pitts (right), an FBI agent, being charged with selling secrets to Moscow MAIN PHOTOGRAPH, SCOTT BROWN

Spy's wife who put her country first

ARY PITTS had one choice and no choice: her country or her husband. As an FBI support clerk, she became suspicious that her husband, Earl Edwin

Pitts, a career supervisory agent with the bureau, might be compromising their em-ployer: the United States. She found a letter be left behind in their rural Virginia home that FBI investigators say indicated her husband might be swapping secrets for cash from the Russians. But she did not know that top FBI authorities already suspected

him of spying for the former Soviet Union during his post-ing in the New York field office in the late 1980s. Nor did she realise that the letter was part of an under-cover sting operation by the FBI to determine how much further her husband might bend to make money at the operation. expense of his country.

had compromised her

transcripts the FBI provided as part of its criminal affidavit against her husband, she told a neighbour: "I probably bureau. It will probably be the end of my marriage either way it goes. Because if he is on the up-and-up and he finds out that I went behind his back, we're finished."

She struggled further with what the consequences would be for her future. "Could I have gone on with my regular and wonderful life?" she asked, according to the affidavit transcripts. No, she con-cluded. "It's over. My life is

After Barl Edwin Pitts. aged 43, was arrested on Wednesday morning at his post at the FBI's training academy in Quantico, Virginia, Louis Freeh, director of the FBI, stressed that Mrs Pitts was not a suspect in the nearly 16-month undercover

Rather, he said, the investi-Mrs Pitts wrestled with her dilemma. She decided to notify fellow FBI officials of her suspicions. Then she buress to boost the FBI's letter included "the secret Mr Carter. The affidavit says angulabed over whether she case. Mr Freeh said she had simil". Mrs Pitts said it did. Mr Pitts told Mr Carter that

clined to say why.
When the undercover in-

vestigation began in August 1995, a former Soviet official assigned to his country's United Nations mission who by then was secretly working as a "co-operating witness" for the FBI — turned Earl. It was the first contact of the undercover operation, and it immediately aroused her suspicions.

The affidavit against he nd says Mrs Pitts tele phoned her sister three times that day, telling her "a man with a foreign accent came to the house" and asked for her husband, who had suddenly left home "in a panic"

She searched his home office while he was away and found damaging evidence: a letter sent earlier from New York in which the undercover agents tried to start their espionage relationship with Mr When he returned home

she confronted him, the affidavit says. It does not record

After three days of anest, I the man visiting their home Carter, the FBI's resident agent in Fredericksburg, near her home. She asked to meet him on an "urgent and confi-dential matter concerning her husband", the affidavit says. They talked for an hour and

she gave him statements

about her husband's suspicious, activities that day. Then she handed over a copy of the letter. Later that day she talked by phone to a neighbour. The conversation, quoted in the

affidavit, shows her uncertainty about whether she had

was a former intelligence agent whom he had known when he was assigned to the New York field office in the late 1980s. Mr Pitts verified the letter, but he insisted the man had been drunk when he showed up at their door.

Mr Pitts, who is also a law yer, said he met the man at a local Wal-Mart near his home and gave him legal advice. But "these statements were

false", the affidavit says. Instead, prosecutors allege that Mr Pitts met with the "co-operating witness" at a nearby civil war battlefield site and received \$15,000 (about £9,000) cover arrangement. - Los

End for China's last eunuch

Mure Dickie in Belfins

HINA'S last imperial etinuch has died in Beijing at the age of 93, after a life that spanned the end of a dynasty and a communist revolution which made a mockery of his castration.

Sun Yaoting, who served in the court of China's last emperor for seven years, died on Tuesday at his home in a Beijing temple, his biographer Jia Yinghua said yesterday.
His remains were laid out in traditional style at Beijing's Guanghna temple.

Sun had his genitals removed eight years after he was born, in 1902, by his father, who was eager to wield power through a son in the court of China's Qing emperors, Mr Jia said.

Months later, the Qing dy-nasty was swept away after it had ruled China for almost three centuries.

After Emperor Pu Yi was stripped of his imperial title in 1911, Sun continued to serve him during the final years of his residence in the

He was appointed to admin-ister Beijing's temples when the communist revolutionaries swept to power in 1949, Sun's security ended in 1968 when Mao Zedong launched the Cultural Revolution. Sun was an early victim of the Red Guards, who criticised any-thing tainted by the feudal

He was sent back to his home village, where he lost his genitals, which had been preserved using traditional methods.

"They were thrown away by his family," Mr Jia said. "They were arraid of being implicated if the genitals were found by the Red Guards." According to Buddhist be liefs, a eunuch has to be buried with his penis to ensure successful reincarnation

"He used to joke about it," Mr Jla said. "He said, When I die I will come back as a cat or a dog"."

as a man.

Sun's adopted son and grandson were due to take his remains to his home village for further ceremonies today fore having them cremated in Beijing, Mr Jia said. — Reuter.

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300 die in Somalia week of wa

Greg Barrow in Nakrobi

ACTIONAL fighting has dragged the people of So-malia's capital back to the darkest days of the civil war in 1992.

International aid agencies estimate that up to 300 people, mostly civilians, have been killed in less than a week of fighting in Mogadishu, al-though no warlord has made significant territorial gains.

The intensity of the fighting has shocked even Mogadi-shu's battle-hardened population: in one incident, almost 40 people were killed when three mortar bombs landed in the crowded Bakaarah

Militiamen have abandoned their machine-gunmounted pick-up trucks, known as "technicals", and, in an alarming change of tactics, have started using heavy artillery to bombard rival mi-

"The situation in Mogadishu is very grave," said Fred Grimm, the Somalia delegate for the International Commitfighting is damaging the over-

difficult situation — the main port has been closed now for one and a half years, job opportunities are very low, and the coping mechanisms of a large part of the population

The latest upsurge in fighting comes as the United

International observers say the new conflict can be traced back to July, when the most powerful warlord, General Mohammed Farah Aideed, was killed in a militia gunfight in Mogadishu.

He was succeeded by his son, Hussein, a former United many Somalis as too young and inexperienced to affect the power struggle.

are becoming more and more feeble."

Nations launches a 262 million appeal for aid and relief projects in Somalia, which is entering its sixth year with-out a central authority or

States marine regarded by

all living conditions of the curity source who travels fre-population. quently to Mogadishu. "Most "We already have a very of the other faction leaders are now bitterly opposed to Hussein Aideed.

"We're still in a situation where no single warford is powerful enough to take control, but if the Aideed faction is faced with a strong alliance of other clan leaders, it'll begin to struggle."

A green line divides north Mogadishu, controlled by Ali Mahdi Mohammed of the Abgal clan, from the south,

controlled by Mr Aideed's Habar-Gidir sub-clan. The fighting flared when Mr Aideed's militia tried to move into the Medina enclave in south Mogadishu, a

densely populated area occu-pied by Abgal clan leader Musa Sude Yalahow, who is closely allied to Mr Moham-Ali Atto in the south. Mr Aideed's advance,

which dragged all three of his most bitter opponents in Mogadishu into the fighting, took "I think what we are seeing place as all the other faction now is a marginalisation of Aideed's supporters, and especially his son, Hussein Aideed," said one foreign seet up a transitional govern-

ment. The talks are backed by both the UN and the US. a seat on a committee of the faction leaders set up to

resolve the five-year conflict but Mr Aideed has refused to participate in the Ethiopia peace talks. His hardline supporters say Somalia already has a government with Mr Aideed as its head of state. At the same time, however, the Aideed faction is desper-

ately scrabbling for support from armed groups which have previously played little part in the Mogadishu

"Aideed must be careful. He doesn't realise how quickly things are moving on the ground," said one foreign aid representative. "He is losing support while his opponents

are getting stronger. "Even now we are hearing that Aideed is trying to build bridges with the Somali Is-lamic fundamentalist group Al-litthad, which has carried out terrorist attacks in Ethiopia over the last year.
"It is a dangerous develop-

ment, and it leaves no open-ing for peace and reconciliation."

Santa dresses up as Cupid for sad singles



Jonathan Watts

UST 10 days left until Christmas Eve. Does anybody have any plans? No? Well, perhaps tonight you can meet someone with whom to share the most romantic

evening of the year." The compere was addressing 200 single men and women at one of the many "coupling parties" in Tokyo in the run-up to Christmas - which in Japan is associated as much with Cupid as with

Christ. Rach guest paid 10,000 yeu (about £53) to attend the "precious executive" coupling party, where men

who earn more than 10 mil- | travel magazine, said: "For lion yen and female college graduates have a chance to

For-U. the organiser, was

in Tokyo the same evening and dozens more the people emphasised the romantic nature of the season.

That proved to be a successful marketing concept and it really took off during is not easy to meet members of the opposite sex in Japan, but everybody

wants to find a date in time

for Christmas Eve."

Although less than 1 per cent of Japan's population is Christian, the country has a long tradition of religious pick 'n' mix. It is quite common for a person to have their birth sanctified with Shinto rites, their marriage celebrated in a Christian ceremony and their death commemorated with Buddhist rituals.

Christmas, likewise, has nese culture, but with a commercial spin. The edi-

decades we celebrated Christmas as in the West as a time for the family to For-U, the organiser, was get together. But in the running eight other parties 1970s a series of new publi-

cations aimed at young and it really took off during the consumer boom of the

late 1980s." Failing to find a partner for Christmas Eve is por-trayed as a social disaster by the media. One television station recently broad-

cast a programme entitled: "Which of these women looks like she is going to spend the most miserable Christmas? For some it is all too

much. Shoko Kawashita, an unattached career woman, said she had decided to escape: "I can't stand this Christmas, ifkewise, has been integrated into Japanese culture, but with a commercial spin. The editor of Jaran, an events and time of year in Japan. I he believes Baghdad may be hiding more operational missiles than monitors had previously suspected.—New York Times.

News in brief

Rafsanjani gets warm welcome

Brushing aside warnings from the United States against forming closer ties with Iran, Turkey's Islamic government warmly welcomed President Hashemi visit vesterday.

He was greeted at Ankara airport by President Suleyman Demirel and received full military honours. — AP.

Hunziker 'suicide' Less than a month after basking in the Thanksgiving eve glow of his release from North Korea, where he was held as a spy and threatened with execution, Evan Hunziker, aged 26, was found dead in a rundown hotel in Tacoma, Washington, with a bullet in his head. It is believed he com-

mitted suicide. - New York Missile warning

The leader of a United Nations team in charge of destroying Iraqi weapons has told the Security Council that

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Prince Philip is wrong

And the dignity of the monarchy is undermined

doubt for a moment that he meant discussion about shooting and the current Firearms Bill, and the Prince then course of further exchanges. They are quite obviously a mature representation of his genuine views. The weapontoting Prince, a man who truthfully embodies many of the natural instincts of his social class, believes that tighter gun control is unnecessary and unde-sirable, irrespective of Dunblane or of public outrage.

The Prince's remarks were wrong, ill-judged and inappropriate. Tighter gun control will not make future Dunblanes impossible but they will make them less likely. They will indeed make life inconvenient for blameless sporting gun users, because that is a necessary means to a desirable end. To pretend with any seriousness that a crazed batwielding cricketer could represent as much danger as a crazed handgunwielding shooter is absurd and insulting. For a man in the Prince's position it is also extremely insensitive. He has made himself unwelcome in Dunblane and promoted himself into a figure of controversy more generally. Given the wider difficulties of Britain's royal family, this is a pretty dumb move. He should have thought first and spoken more carefully.

Prince Philip is famous for robust and occasionally rude remarks that would often be best left unsaid. His comments seem to reveal a man who makes little effort to see past his own the Queen's husband, these outbursts can do without such lectures.

NO ONE who heard or who reads reflect upon the monarchy as a whole, Prince Philip's attack on gun curbs can and there can be little doubt that this latest example undermines the monarexactly what he said. These remarks chy's struggles to retain some dignity were not some intemperate off-the-cuff amid its recent travails. But it is imporanswer to an unexpected question, as a pologists of the embarrassed shooting lobby tried to pretend yesterday. They arose out of an extended interview it cannot be said that he is in the habit of seeking out or provoking contro-versy. Unlike the later generation of repeated and amplified them in the royals, he does very little indeed to court the media and as a result is largely left alone by them. However unattractive some of his views or language may be from time to time, he has managed to keep to the old and rather distant rules which, for good or ill, have successfully protected the monarchy in

the democratic era.

He is probably not one of the world's natural Guardian readers, but at least no one can accuse Prince Philip of having any political agenda beyond the survival of the monarchy to which he has devoted nearly half a century of his life. He presides; he does not promote. Unlike his eldest son, he has never fallen into the trap of trying to make the monarchy "relevant" to the modern would It is to his gradit that he does not world. It is to his credit that he does not make many speeches, give many interviews (we can be sure there will be even fewer after this one) or agonise in public about either his private or his public life. Unlike Prince Charles again, he has not made the mistake of trying to gather around him a "Prince's Party' to promote his ideas and prejudices under the illusion that such blustering increases public respect for the monarchy. Prince Philip has said a foolish thing which has caused great distress, especially where feelings against handguns still run particularly high. As the first Christmas approaches since the Dunblane killings, you would lifestyle and prejudices. Because he is think he would have realised that we

Evolution not dissolution

The unions will always prefer Labour to the alternative

LORD CALLAGHAN'S remark in the even starting to donate money to New Statesman that he would be "very opposed" to breaking the relationship between Labour and the unions is dustry could actually enhance the influbound to stir up one of the last major controversies surrounding Tony Blair's post-electoral plans for the party: will be, as many traditionalists fear, sever the formal links between Labour and the movement which spawned, nurtured and bankrolled the party for so long? It depends, of course, on what is meant by "breaking". Hardly anyone yearns for a return to the days when the unions camped out on the steps of Downing Street trading deals with the prime minister of they day over beer and sandwiches. The unions weren't exactly representative of the mood of the country at large then and even less so now that their membership has fallen so sharply. Yesterday Mr Blair repeated his promise: " There are no favours. We treat employers and trade unions equally."

That doesn't mean that there aren't shared principles and a shared heritage because there are and probably always will be. But if Labour is to survive as a popular party, it must respond to the rather than control and which is broaderosion of its traditional blue-collar ening its financial base to include a base and to the thaw in the Cold War in industry. The CBI and the TUC are industrial donations. The answer, albeginning to realise they have more in | most certainly, is that however much common than they supposed. They now some of them harken back to the old invite each other to their annual confer- | days, the unions will invariably prefer ences and this year jointly came out a Labour government to the alternative. against lower income taxes in their The links between Labour and the budget submissions. Companies are unions must evolve not dissolve.

Labour. The emergence of an industrial consensus straddling both sides of inence of the unions. It is more difficult for a government to reject a proposal endorsed by unions and industry than one merely reflecting the short-term interests of either lobby on its own.

Lord Callaghan displays commendable loyalty to a union movement which - as a result of the unpopular strikes associated with the Winter of Discontent in 1979 - ousted his government and helped to usher in 17 years of Conservative government. But his analysis of Blairism is shrewd - an attempt to synthesise what is happening in the market economy with "a growing feeling that this is not enough, that there has to be a special perspective in health and education and that we must stand against exploitation, privilege and injustice". Mr Blair could do worse than keep these words by his bedside to

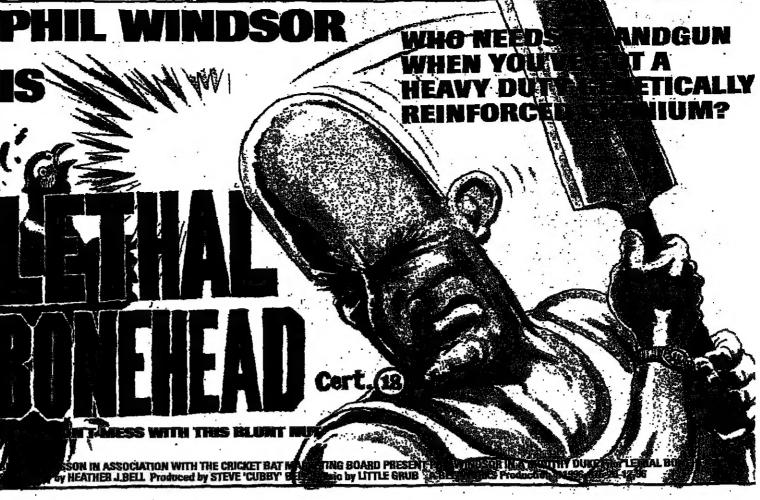
remind himself what he is all about. It is a matter for the unions whether they want to continue to give money to a party they can only seek to influence bigger contribution from members and

Milking the war pensioners John Major concedes — after the Commons has risen

THE PATTERN is familiar. First | I hope you will apologise to the many there's the crime. Then on its exposure, there is denial. Finally and belatedly there is reluctant admission. Earlier this month the Government was seriously embarrassed by our social services correspondent, who exposed the truth behind the innocuous paragraph in the budget promising simplified procedures to improve war pensions. In reality ministers were imposing a new round of cuts - only the second since war pensions were introduced in 1947 - which would leave the pensioners £50 million poorer. The Prime Minister was outraged. He described our report as misleading and inaccurate. When the issue was taken up by Tony Blair at question time, the Labour leader was accused of "shameless scaremongering" and the Prime Minister followed up this criticism with a hand delivered letter declaring."In short, there has support. Members of the latter are owed been no cover up and there are no cuts. | an explanation.

pensioners in this country to whom you have given needless alarm." Then, hey presto, when Parliament had risen and no MPs were around to protest, social security ministers released a series of written answers yesterday to parliamentary questions conceding the full charge sheet. Certainly the pensioners disabled ex-servicemen and war wid-

ows - need an apology but it would more appropriately come from the Prime Minister. Pretending a £50 million reduction in the pension package is a "simplification" is plain dishonest. No wonder the ministerial letter leaked to us talked of a "storm" and the need for "sweeteners". Other apologies are due too. Some ex-service organisations immediately signalled their readiness to resist but others were naive in their belief in ministers and supine in their



Letters to the Editor

Islam and some bad faith | A bouquet of brickbats for the gun-loving Duke of Edinburgh

clusive and the Divine Right of Kings has been abandoned for some time now (What on earth is Prince Charles up to?, December 18). Her prejudice and scaremongering are quite frightening for me as a Muslim born and raised in this course. It is the all the form country. It is the all too fam-iliar demonisation of a minority group: she successfully painted a big brown

bogeyman.
Brutality against women is despicable but to infer that this is only inherent in Islamic culture is not only misleading but is completely against Islamic law.

The subjugation of women has been a global problem since the beginning of time. In this society, 90-year-olds are raped and women are afraid to travel alone.
Moreover, in the Western
home of feminism, women are
so terrorised by male expectstions and the tyranny of the supermodel that they are continually reinventine themselves through dieting

and surgery. Aisha Ahmed. Southpark Crescent.

As a Jew and a woman who fervently believes in equality, it is difficult not to despair at Catherine Ben-neit's prejudice. Imagine the furore that would arise if Bennett had chosen little bites from Jewish texts to criticise? Joan Margalith. Lithos Road,

In brief . . .

As the family of the late Mel Calman we were appalled by your piece (Scared to death, December 14). It heightened the pain we still

feel at losing our father, and was full of inaccuracies: he

died in 1994 not 1992, it was at

the Odeon not the Empire and

the film he was watching,

this tragedy used as an ex-cuse for a tasteless "discus-

horrible event very flip-pantly. That he was a funny

man does not make his death

Stephanie & Claire Calman

RITZ Spiegl (Letters, December 19) prompted me to check on the reality of the ex-

istence of Oliphant Chucka-

butty. It's better than I thought; his full name was

Willson Olipant-Chuckabutty,

SPARE a thought for Tom Stoppard (Leader, Decem-

ber 18). He came up with the

idea of the re-usable envelope

too good to be fictional.

Rainford, St Helens WA11 8AX.

ATHERINE Bennett should be reassured by the fact that our monarchy and state are mutually exon superficial readings of Is-lamic text to further interests alien to Islam.

The Quran does not demand literalism as Ms Bernett and her pack of "Islamic" nasties would have us believe. What the Quran does demand is depth of thought. Abdurahman Jafar. Madras Road,

COULD not agree more with Catherine Bennett. It is extremely naive of the heir to the throne to suggest that we should take on board cerwe should take the books testing aspects of Islam. It is not a "pick and choose" religion. Its followers believe that they must either subscribe to must either subscribe to everything (medieval attitudes and harbaric practices included) or be damned to eternal hell fire as an infidel. So take your pick, Prince Charles, but don't for a minute think that you will have the majority of your subjects aiority of 3 behind you.

gerous game which does you (Dr) Belinda Geddes. Styal, Cheshire SK9.

Flirting with Islam is a dan-

CATHERINE Bennett seeems to be afflicted with the Islamophobia virus. May I offer some facts: • If man is given a rank above woman in Islam it does not mean that he can dominate her; rather he has additional family duties;

solely responsible for the fi-nancial support of the family. Whatever she feels is impor-tant to her happiness she can include in her marriage contract, be it the right to educa-tion, the right to divorce or

any other issue;
• Punishment for adulterers is only legal if four eye-witnesses are willing to testify against the adulterer. False ony is sanctioned with

the death penalty;
Thieves will lose their hands after being caught three times, again only if caught in the act or in possession of the stolen goods. (Dr) Fatima Martin. Hook Heath Road.

B are a development charity in regular contact with people working at grassroots level in Bangladesh and we simply do not recognise the religious and political views which Catherine Howard according

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"Bangladeshi natives".

The majority of Bangladeshis are indeed Muslims. In the 1996 election, support for Islamic fundamentalism plummeted. The Awami Lesgue, under a woman leader, won on a platform which endorses the rights of women. Real life is not as simple as prejudice would have it.

Jane Winder. Director, One World Action. 13-14 West Smithfield, London EC1A 9HY.

THE Duke of Edinburgh has raised all kind of possibilities with his proposition (Guns? No more dangerous than cricket bats says Philip. December 19). A new form of game hunting might be de-vised in which the aim is to knock a pheasant out of the air with a treble-sprung piece of polished willow, or even a

equash racket. The British Army could be equipped with cricket kit and hurl leather balls at the enemy. The police could tackle terrorists padded up playing a straight hat to the bullets hurled at them.

By the same token, the English cricket team could be given hand guas which might be more effective against the fast bowling of the West Indies than the traditional and out-moded wooden hat. The Duke is absolutely right

bound Why, for example, has no 10 Glen Road, British inventor produced a Eldwick, bat? It would have to be licensed, of course, for fear it fell into the wrong hands. Gavin Weightman.

AS anyone ever managed to kill a wild stag with a cricket bat? Brian Reilly Department of Clinical Engineering, Withington Hospital, Manchester M20 2LR.

FIND squash rackets much better than cricket bats for despatching grouse. Allan Jones 15 Chicheley Street,

THE artempt by the Duke of Edinburgh to defend the gun lobby would, were his arguments not so absurd, surely be a breach of constitutional

convention. Should the Consort to the Monarch express views on such a controversial ques-tion? And particularly, should he do so at a time when the Bill in question is actually passing through the House — and might thus have its passage delayed, or other-wise influenced? I think not. Leslie Fraser-Mitchell Fraser's Rest, Briar Close, Necton, Norfolk PE37 8HB.

THE Duke might have added cars, planes and a failing roof slate. But he misses the point because he doesn't address the purpose of The Duke is absonuery rights we have failed to recognise the intrinsic similarity of cricket bets and guns, and cricket bets and guns, and the cricket bets. an object. The main purpose of a gun is to kill and it seems

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Derby.

THREE cheers for Prince Philip. His frequent utterances can only hasten the much-hoped-for demise of this ridiculous monarchy and all the paraphernalia that at-Paul Kenton. 68 Belper Road,

IWONDER if the Doke of Edinburgh would care to enlighten us as to whether he was referring to 9mm automatic or .22 single-shot cricket bats? Glenn Hackney. 10 Hermes Drive, Burnham on Crouch, Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire MK16 9AP. Burnham on Cro

Carlito's Way, was not as described. The fact that he died sud-denly is awful enough. To see A millennium idea to build on INSTEAD of marking the millennium with a giut of giant hub caps, ferris wheels and phalluses, why not harness the nation's collective will to house the borneless by the year 2000?

Inagine the feelings of goodwill from those housed and the sense of a capse well. sion" about the dangers of horror films is beyond sense. To say: "Goremongers will be pleased to know that at least one person has died while watching a film" is to treat a

the year 2000? Camelot takes the lead by donating a small percentage | Roger McGough | of its profits to the scheme | 26 Glebe Road, | Privatised companies com | London SW13 CEA |

sponsorship, fun, flags and

goodwill from those housed and the sense of a cause well served, by every one of us. Roger McGough. 26 Glebe Road,

Conflicting views on dissent

(You're out, comrade, December 18). Kerr is being charged with "bringing the party into disrepute" for what appears no more than normal vigor-ous political comment. The terms in which David has chosen to attack Hugh Kerr go beyond any reasonable criticism of his behaviour.

made an example of, and

that "We want a close and

positive relationship with the

Labour Party ... we are not going to have that relation-

ship placed in jeopardy with the likes of Hugh Kerr", then

what appears to be happening to the Labour Party is a de-

side and outside the Labour

Party, at its rapid moves toward an authoritarian cul-

years ago, as a comic device to illustrate the incompetence of the unworldly inventor George Riley in Enter a Free I'll bet he's kicking himself lan Pitt.

Ernst Lehmann Strasse 18, 39106 Magdeburg, OU say that "Russia's

scent into political thuggery. There is growing disquiet, in-Afghan vets are still fighting under beavy fire" (Real Lives, 18 December), No they aren't — they're too busy treating Afghan hounds. ture in which any vigorous comment is treated as dissent Dermod Quirke. 14 Glen View, Halifax HX1 2YL

READ with astonishment | election things will improve. the attack on Hugh Kerr This will, however, only hap-MEP by the leader of the Labour MEPs, Wayne David to defend basic rights of free speech is mounted. This cannot wait till after the election. It is ironic that Hugh Kerr is being threatened under a is being threatened under a an agreeable company, as-code designed to prevent sembled on the first tee to actions bringing the Labour Party into disrepute. Nothing will bring Labour into disrepute more quickly than attacking freedom of speech. When we read that "people who do step out of line will be dealt with", that "He is being Trevor Fisher. Hon Sec, Labour Reform.

49 Lovatt Street Stafford ST16 3DB.

AM so relieved that Hugh Kerr is not an unrecon-structed old Trot, because he is articulate and witty, a fan of opera and classical music, a director of Harlow Playpaintings.

This, of course, entirely justifies his virtually continuous. With my golf trolley in tow I efforts to ensure that the Labour Party is never elected. Michael Dempsey. to be stamped out. Many 59 Cephas Avenu members hope that after the London E1 4AR. 59 Cephas Avenue

Little merit in UN appointment

VV best candidate for the next United Nations secretary-general post (Annan to be UN secretary-general, December 14)? The UN is one organis-ation where political correct-ness has replaced open compe-tition and merit as a basis for staff appointments. Five years ago, or Boutros Boutros-Ghali was elected UN secretary-general because it was an African's turn to lead the world body. And since most past secretary-generals have had at least two successive terms it wither Makori.
was either Dr Boutros-Ghali 7 Upper Tollington Park, or another African. It is London N4 3EJ.

WAS Kofi Annan really the | hardly surprising that the organisation is so weak and feeble. The need for a strong and decisive UN is greatest in Africa where the majority now live in abject poverty and in constant fear of war.

The rather pathetic UN response to mass killings in Rwanda in 1994 was just one case of Dr Boutros Boutros-Ghali's mediocre leadership. The knowledge that the secretary-general was an African was no comfort to the relatives of the millions killed. Wilbert Mukori.

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A Country Diary

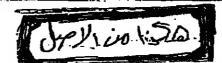
GLOUCESTERSHIRE: Over- | theless Keith and I managed. night on Friday the tempera-ture fell to -7C. At 8am on Saturday morning it was only marginally warmer but 28 members of the Stinchcombe Hill Beavers, always play the postponed Christ-mas competition. The previous weekend we had been folied by day-long fog on the hill. This day gave visibility, a uniform white rime of frost that lasted till late morning, and some degrees of sub-zero cold inimical to quality golf. The Beavers assemble every Saturday morning if nothing more serious has the tee reserved and the Christmas competition (played off three over the frosted fairway to the first of 18 winter greens.

adventures, albeit without the pain. So it was not easy,

and I never felt warm. Never-

Stableford point, to beat our opponents in the fourball and Keith, finishing with 31 points, came second overall in the 28 starters. My 23 points proved only to be a supporting role. Sunday morning was about 12 degrees centierade warmer and a walk from St Briavels, a hilltop village across the Severn, seemed an attractive option. We planned the long circuit down to the banks of the Wye where the path is a walk and then the climb back up the hill to St Briavels for lunch in the pub. The corps of vandals had been at work on the footpath signs through of opera and classical music, a competition (payed the two dames and the competition of competition (payed the two dames) the wood and we became a director of Harlow Play followed by lunch is a sea slightly lost in the descent, house, a motorcycle fan and a sonal highlight. I was drawn this had the dividend that collector of Scottish in the third four to trudge off quite suddenly two deer broke cover immediately in front of us and galloped away With my golf trolley in tow I through the woodland with a was reminded of Sir Ranulph fleemes's recent Antarctic them flying over fallen leaves with only light crunching contact.

COLIN LUCKHURST



Diary

Matthew Norman

ONTROVERSY over industrial relations confronts New Labour again. With rapid rebuttal supremo Oofy Wegg-Prosser extending his wildcat strike indefinitely (it's like Grunwick at Millbank these days), actor Tony Booth, father-in-law Mr Tony Blair, is incandescent with rage at plans to "modernise" his union. Equity general secretary Ian McGarry has come over ail New Labour, and — with help from consultants Boy-Preston den Southwood — has formed a reorganisation plan. Inevitably called Action 2000, this is so "confidential" that Equity Council members like Mr Booth are allowed to know only its main conclusions, which in-clude office closures, sackings and — yes — the ap-pointment of a general manager on £45,000 a year. Mr Booth is livid, and especially about one BR-style proposal. "It's outrageous, but they want to call trade union members 'customers'. What it's all about," says Mr Booth, "is taking control away from members and giving it to a gen-eral secretary." Is it just this principle of centralised

THE timing of yesterday's report about Wandsworth Council's alleged unlawful sell-ing of flats is intriguing. Auditor Binder Hamlyn published it a day after Par liament rose for Christ and also a day too late for the three Wandsworth papers, none of which appears now for a fortnight. There is no suggestion that the auditor may have discussed the timing in advance with the government It is a happy coincidence, nothing more.

AY what you will about my friend Andrew Neil (and never amount to much until he throws of the shackles of his own self-effacement), he is too big a man to bear a grudge. In reviewing his book Full Disciosure in the London Review of Books, as you will recall, Paul Foot told how once Andrew's local council refused his request for two extra resi dent parking permits for his brace of chauffeurs. He no more overreacted then ("Joan," he wrote to his secretary, "let's set the insight team on to this lot") than he as apparently called the LRB to cancel his subscription — a gesture that lost its sting when it emerged he had never had one, but had always been sent the magazine free.

PRECEDENT has arrived, alas too late, for the Duke of Edin burgh. The splendid Liberal front bench peer Conrad Russell recalls that in 1956, after a mods and rockers riot in Brighton, one man was convicted for "carrying an offensive weapon, viz a cricket bat".

N the obituary column of the Times is a wounding attack on Michael Howard. The anonymous obituarist of Treasury Solici-tor Michael Saunders, who died on Tuesday, suggests that his subject "did not find the present Home Secretary the most congenial of minis ters to advise on law", and blames Michael's judicial fi-ascos on the "minister (himascos on the minister (minister) self a QC) not listening sufficiently to his legal adviser.". So savage an assault on a serving minister in a Times obituary is both revealing and unique. Oh dear, Has no and myself a good word to say for the poor lamb?

EEARS for Terry Major Ball, who went AWOL after starring in a Sun feature beadlined Crumpet Major! — it pictured him dancing with a knickerless young woman — have thankfully abated. Soon after he read the Diary yesterday, we spoke. "I was up set, yes, " said Terry. "and although I can laugh about it now, I can't see why they were so cruel to such a nice young lady." Terry is particularly distressed about one invented qu Tm going to ring John and tell him you've got the best tits in the Conservative party" — which the Sun claims he made to a Tory candidate, but will not be suing. "I can't afford it," he explains, "but maybe I'll put it in my Mail column."

I'M COING QUOTA-HOPPING IN SPAIN FOR CHRISTMAS.



The high road or the low road to Europe

Commentary Peter

EW LABOUR, No Britain. If you saw those four words, a mile high, on posters in Birmingham or Bristol, what would you suppose they meant? If anything. Would you even know who was advertising what? A focus group in heavy session might conclude that the advertiser was probably Conservative Central Office or Sir Jams, making another melodramatic still more of a crossword clue

Now try moving the same poster, marginally adjusted, a few hundred miles north, to Aberdeen or Arbroath. New Labour, Nae Britain. A real message from the Conservative Party this week on sites all over Scotland. What (apart from affecting a mock patois largely unused by Scottish states and all over Scotland. What (apart from affecting a mock patois largely unused by Scottish states and all — seems papered with the yellow and blue insignla of European Union. Money from Brussels, the signs seem to say, helps get things done. While nobody

Tories) does that mean? | mentions money from Lon-Something completely different. They're talking devolution and vamping up the prospective death of the union.

It takes four little words, in short, to make an essential point. We're facing two gen-eral elections, not one. GE-South will bang on and on about Brussels. GE-North will never stop talking about an Edinburgh assembly with taxraising powers. The Southern electorate won't be offered a voice on devolution: the union, seemingly, includes them out. The voters of the North, equally, will barely get (or require) a squeak in edge-ways on Europe. They already represent a broadly pro-Europe consensus, for Tories sing a separate tune.

And yet the dislocations trail added complexities. I was standing in Glasgow this week, just off Sauchiehall Street, when I saw the Nae Britain pitch. It isn't the only

placard which advertises dif-

ference. Glasgow - new

bridges, new roads, new arts

don, your friendly Euro-uncle (who seldom claims or receives Southern credit) is loud in this land. Scottish perceptions of the

European issue, therefore, aren't English ones. Nor are realities. The ntial Nationalist cambit on which so much succes has been built depends on continued, evolving European membership: indepen-dent nations living side by side like Germany and Aus-tria under the EU umbrella. It atches the tide of the last 20 years. It is in no way as in-timidating as going it alone. Brussels may cause odd spots of fishy bother: but it is an enabling friend to the cause.

Exactly the same logic ap-plies to Labour's Edinburgh half-way house. Scotland at many levels already has good relationships with Europe because of its identifiable regional character. A devolved assembly immediately strengthens those ties. It begins to produce a Britain which reflects the regional patterns of Germany, Spain and Italy — patterns which Brussels, in practicality, nur-

won't want to keep trooping down to Whitehall cap in hand to take orders, a kind of CH McTung. He or she will want clout and status of just the sort that his friends in Belgium offer as a matter of course. He will, in sum, need Brussels as a counterweight to London. The board games must be triangular.

Two things follow, one for Mr Blair and one for Mr Major. The Blair lesson is that he is more locked in to Europe than he supposes. For you can't have devolution — and the spread of regionalism — without it. If the referendum he has promised more firmly than he's promise anything yields an assembly (and 73 per cent of Scots on this week's System 8 poll

Scottish perceptions of the European issue aren't English ones. Nor are Scottish realities

want that) he will bolted to the European Union in his heartland. The ability to strike postures, to blow hot and cold, will have its English limits. If that is true, it makes hang yourself on a noose of evasions that will tighten as soon as the polls close? But it is as nothing to John Major's problem

ago) inevitably implies a total Tory change of policy. They'll have to rebuild: they'll have to contest assembly saars:
they'll have to adopt devolution as their own. And.
Europe? It is the price of
English nationalism.
Of course there are Euroscaptic Scottish Tories — but

precious few of them, because there are precious few Scot-tish Tories left. Mrs Thatcher, an English nationalist incar nate, has done them in. Teddy Taylor, her shadow Scottish Secretary, had to voyage to Southend to find a seat now Rifkind for Chelsea? And the lady, in her fulminations, also ensured that Scottish nationalists have an absolutely dif-What could the Conserva-

tives, amid the wreckage of electoral defeat, do next? They could split. Disaster. They could split. Disaster. They could—under a Portillo or a Redwood—turn outright sceptics. But that, as Ken Clarke might observe, would be the worst disaster of all. narrow rebirth as the effective English National

The wilder spirits are chun-tering already after a with-drawal referendum. But could England vote to take Scotland and Wales out against their wishes? If you want No Brit-ain, that's the true doomsday

option. My Glasgow friends (many times bitten, exceedingly shy) won't believe in devolution it prudently imperative to be clear before the election. Why running. But Glasgow bustles with optimism and civic with optimism and civic pride. It exudes the confi-dence to choose. And when that happens, when we wake up, we'll find not two elections A referendum Yes to devo-lution (Martin Kettle ob-great choice and one domi-

Beware men bearing **Christmas gifts**



E ALL have our faults. Mine? I'm not afraid to admit it I have far too much creative energy. That, coupled with a craving for intellectual and artistic fullfilment — and a real flair for putting my mil-lions of innovative ideas into

. If you could listen to the inside of my head, it would sound something like this: "Zap!" "Whizz!" "Eureka". Of course, I'm simplifying. But listen harder and you would also hear a rich variety of warmer, gentler, more thoughtful and reflective moises: "Purrirr!" and "Rimmunm!" among them.
Put it this way, I weer a lot of different hats. As a children's authoress, political adviser and senior Guardian columnist, I wear what I call my "Zap" hat, I fizz with the interplay of ideas. But as a sional counsellor and relationships expert, with many television and radio appearances to my credit, I wear

"Purrril", a hat called contemplation. contemplation.

And Pd like to don this sentler, more analytic hat for today's column. The Secret Meaning Of Christmas Presents dissects the motives behind different sign property. hind different gifts your part-ner may be planning to give you—and offers a vital warning to women of all ages. Fuller details can be found in my recent publication, Coping With Christmas, the latest ing With Christmas, the latest in my "Coping With..." series. Other titles available in the series include Coping With New Clothes, Coping With Old Friends and Coping With Your Bays Off.

The Household Item Bewere the hear termed series.

gives you a steam-iron, a Hoo-ver or "something for the tions of influence in the civil kitchen", you should run a the Theatre Hold on a sec. mile. This env is much more interested in his own judgment of what you need than in listening to your inner desires. Make a New Year's resolution: take control of

your own life.

The Useless Item Beware: if he gives you something entirely without practical value — a game, a toy, an expensive piece of jewellery — this means that he cannot come to terms with the fact that a woman is more than just a bit of fluff". He is the boy who has never grown up. In-form him that you are a thinking person, and that

hutely no wish to act as a mother substitute. I once had a boyfriend who gave me a diamond ring. Two weeks later, we split up — and I

never saw him again.

Sexy Underwear You need to consider his opinion of you. Ask yourself if you really want to pander to his needs and fantasies. Beware — he may secretly be asking for physical attention. Take him to one side and tell him. gently but firmly, a) to keep his hands to himself and b) that you have decided to leave you more space.

 Designer Clothing Such a gift signifles that your partner harbours deep-seated in-securities, particularly concerning women. He craves subliminal association with somebody else's upmarket image and feels that, by clothing you appropriately, he can turn you into just another expensive commodity for him to buy and sell. I once went out with a guy who gave me a dress from Katharine Han nett. Two weeks later, I left

• Cosy Clothing If he buys you the kind of "sensible" underwear or sexiess chain-store clothing your mother might wear — beware. Now is the time to take control of sees you as a mother substitute, and not as the fullreally are. He would prefer to an evening in front of the sport on television with a can of lager and a family packet of cheese and onion.

guy's a control freak, moti-vated by a compulsive need to direct all your thoughts towards the cultural, philoophical and political beliefs that he considers "impor-tant". But who the hell is he to judge? What has his bor-ingly masculine view of the world to do with you? And if music so much, why doesn't he get it for himself rather than off-loading it on you? Confront him, and demand

tural imperialism. And ask yourself the simple question: is this really a relationship that was made to last? A Holiday Abroad, A
Meal Out, An Evening at could give you one or all of really matters, ie your company. Can't he appreciate you for who you really are, rathe than constantly seeking the distraction of a meal out, a play or a trip abroad? And whatever you do, don't forget that many holidays and evenings out end in furious arguments, resulting in trial sepa-ration or even divorce. I once had a boyfriend who gave me a holiday in Mauritius. Two weeks later, we split up. And you know what? I never saw him again. Happy Christmas sorry, guys — you have abso - if there is such a thing.

Do Freemasons in parliament, police and judiciary pervert fairness and justice? Yes, argues Martin Short, and the only remedy is complete, open disclosure

Unsafe secret society

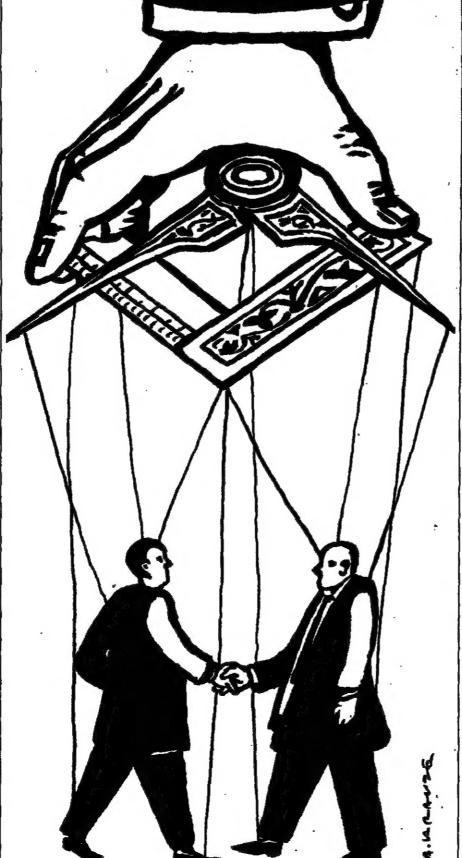
T HAS taken 200 years for the House of Commons to form a commit tee to examine Freema sonry. That if nothing ise confirms just how power ful is this institution: a body whose membership at the unquestioned ever since 1799. when grotesque political lob-bying by England's two main lodges kept Masons off the list of secret societies banned under the Unlawful Societies

And Freemasonry does have a hold among MPs. When I was researching my in the late 1980s, I sent a questionnaire to every male MP (women, of course, cannot join). More than 237 res-ponded: 9 said they were Masons, 228 that they were not. Some 48 (that is, 21 per cent) of the non-Masons said they had been approached to join Freemasonry but had refused; and of these 27 were onservatives and 15 were Labour. Proof, in other words, that the movement is words, that the invertent is perpetually trying to nobble people who are (or are likely to become) MPs. This extended across the political spectrum: I came across the existence of the New Well-people I does not up in 1999 by come Lodge, set up in 1929 by the then Prince of Wales to embrace the Labour Party, through fear that otherwise : Labour government might reject and outlaw Freema-sonry. I am told that over the years a number of quite prominent Labour MPs have belonged — although the only one I have met who would

former MP for Ilford South.
Thorne, a "verray parfit gentil knight", is the last man to inspire fears of a Masonic political conspiracy. But it strikes me that to have a Masonic lodge which bonds Labour, Conservative and, for all I know, Liberal MPs together is a confidence trick on the public. It is anti-demo-cratic: while we are led to believe that the snarling dogs in Parliament are in some kind of opposition to each other, a number of them may well be joined together in the same Masonic lodge, if not within the overall fraternity.

The problem is that Masons are bonded together by oaths which require them to support each other, to look after each others' interests, and to keep each others' lawful The oaths of Masonry would not matter greatly if

their transgression were not dressed up with ferocious penalties: "having my throat cut across, my tongue torn out by the root and buried in the sand of the sea at low water mark" — and that is merely the first degree. In the second degree, it incurs "hav-ing my left breast laid open, my heart torn therefrom and given to the ravenous birds of the air ..." The third degree extends to "being severed in two, my bowels burned to ashes, and those ashes scat-tered over the face of the earth and wasted by the four winds of heaven..." Such winds of heaven..." Such punishments may be sym-bolic; but they are also accompanied by "the more effective punishment of being branded as a wilfully per-jured individual, void of all



giance and make one ques-tion what motivates some MPs' actions. Yet, at a time of growing concern to restore public confidence in Parlia-ment, MPs are under no obligation to declare lodge membership. Surely they must be made to register it, in a way that is accessible to the public.

kinson was one who did not reply; yet I discovered that he was a member of the Potters Bar lodge, which happened to be in his constituency. He did not live in Potters Bar, so why had he joined? Was his motive something to do with his desire to become and stay, an MP? I also had a response from Wille White-

entered the House of Com mons in 1966." Lo and behold, found out from the 1986 Masonic Yearbook For Scotland that he did indeed hold a Masonic rank, representing the Grand Lodge in Scotland overseas, even as he was writ ing to me. I can hardly be lieve that he did not know this. If he had been lying to moral worth".

These bonds must blunt since conducting my original conventional political alle- 1988 survey of MPs. Cecil Par- been an active Mason since I what one can ever believe.

Freemasonry. I am regularly sent letters from people who balieve that time and again their attempts to pursue jus-tice through the courts has been skewed by a nexus of Masonic solicitors, barristers and judges. Quite often this is and judges. Quite often this is the perception of women in the divorce courts, which they believe may be fixed against them if their husbands are Masons. There is the started to see you only in terms of a housekeeper. If he wines won a steam-iron, a Hoocolossal room for public sus-picion when Masons fill posi-My research in the 1980s discovered 18 circuit judges who were Freemasons, four Queen's Bench judges, three family-division judges and three Lord Justices of Appeal. I am sure there were many more; but there remains no

tegistration of MPs would be

a start. But the public has

broader fears of the power of

obligation to declare that they are Masons. To see justice done, we must also know what secret loyalties may bind people in the judicial system against the public in-OURT cases have so often proved that Masons have criminal activity.
Up until the point when a
Mason has been convicted of
a crime, fellow Masons pledge
to "support [his] character in
[his] absence as in [his] pres-

ence". They will do all they

can, whether a policeman, a prosecuting solicitor, or a judge, to ensure that their buddy's character is not So much of this appears to be anecdotal, but more and more concrete evidence has emerged. Take the Masonic corruption that engulfed Southend in the 1980s. Lo and behold, more than 10 years after Paul Foot and I sepa-rately revealed the corrupt-ing role of local Masons, the Commissioner for Local Administration has just come out with a report revealing that, by not declaring they were freemasons, many Castle Point councillors had been guilty of maladministration. Freemasons, in their demoral society, an elevating force that improves men's conduct; and that nothing in their rituals or oaths is to be taken as any encouragement to break the laws of the land. But can all the rituals be merely symbolic? One must presume that people join lodges predominantly to feather their own nests, and to form a loose combination (in the sense of the historic Combination Acts) against the interests of everybody who is not a Mason.

Masons also say that they should not be singled out from the Oxbridge matia, the public-school ties, the Gar-rick, the Knights of St Co-lumba — but such arguments do not obviste the Masons' own crimes. The hypocrisy is that golf clubs, etc., do not claim to be moral societies; yet Freemasonry is wrapped in all the verbiage of high moral conduct which is often shown to be hollow.

journalist and TV producer. His books include inside The Inc (Mandarin), and, in 1997,

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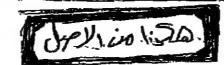
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A sweet life of very hard work

of 72, belonged to a gifted and ian actors originally discovered and promoted by the director Luchino Visconti Mastroianni joined Viscon-

ti's theatre company in Rome in 1948 without any formal drama school training. With his striking Mediterranean good looks, he was thought to be the embodiment of the Latin Lover - though he fiercely resisted that in the roles he accepted after Fel-lini's La Dolce Vita brought him to international stardom in 1960. Indeed, he often masochistically demolished any such image. He told a scandalchat-show audience in 1977: To be a Latin Lover a man, above all, has to be a great fucker — he has to be infallible and I'm not that. I often foul it up."

He was born in the Ciociaria region, south of Rome, the elder son of a cabinet maker whose working-class relatives included a prodigious number of painters and sculptors. The family soon moved north to Turin, where his brother Ruggero — a future film editor — was born. But when the boy was nine his parents moved south again, this time to the proletarian Tuscolano quarter of Rome, where his father set up

Marcello was sent out to work in the holidays and since his home was near Cinecittà, where neighbours and phia Loren) his mother relatives laboured in the studio support departments, what could have been more natural than that, from the age of 12, he should become a film extra and bump into the stars? He was, of course, in-spired to follow them. He later claimed that his original ambition had been to be an architect, though the closest he ever came to that was his na, in 1948, in construction which landed him a job as technical drawing assis-

tant with Rome city council. The liberation of Rome by the allies towards the end of the second world war ended this, and he worked as a clerk for Eagle Lion Films. Wisely, he enrolled with Rome Uni-



He said that if an actor does not take risks. he is only a commercial product, like a bottle of Coke

Drawing of Mastrolanni by Federico Fellini

University Theatre. There he acted with Giulietta Massina, Fellini's future wife (and key movie star), who enthusiasti-cally introduced him to Fellini; his friendship and canny professional association ad vanced Mastrolanni's career spectacularly.

At CUT, Mastroianni was spotted by one of Visconti's

entourage and after an interview with the great man was taken on to his payroll at three times his monthly sal-ary as a clerk. This was important, since his father's long diabetic illness (he died in 1950) meant that Marcello had become the family breadwinner. Money continued to be so tight that when he won the first of his many acting awards — a Nastro d'argento and a Grolls d'oro — for the 1954 film Too Bad She's Bad (which began his enduring screen partnership with So-

promptly pawned them. He soon had family of his own. He married Flora Carabella, an actress in Visconti's company in 1950, and their daughter, Barbara, arrived a year later. Flora was not to appear in one of her glamorous husband's films until 1976, when she played his aunt in the costume piece, Culastrisce Nobile Veneziano. Marcello had a daughter, Chiara, by Catherine Den-euve, his co-star of the early 1970s films It Only Happens to Others and The Slightly Preg-

nant Man. In the early 1950s, Mastrolanni's growing reputation as a stage actor in Rome helped him to land a number

and co-producer) he made White Nights, based on a Dostolevsky short story, which opened up more complex middle-class casting. Ini-tially, Vittorio de Sica doubted whether Mastrolanni could succeed as an actor because of his rather nasal vocal delivery. But eventually he revised that opinion. De Sica became something of an uncle figure, as well as being the third character in the Mastroianni-Sophia Loren comedies. During the 1960s and 1970s de Sica directed him in Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, Marriage Italian Style, The Stranger and A Place for Lovers.

NLIKE de Sica, Mastroianni was never overtly political. Childhood photos show him in a boy's fascist uniform, yet he described himself as an old-fashioned romantic socialist. He was as wary of the actor as political activist as he was sceptical of the Method actor.

Fellini particularly appreciated, in their films (La Dolce Vita, 8%, City of Women, Ginger and Fred, and Intervista), the way that Mastrolanni never asked questionantial. tions and was always ready on set to develop his charac-ter by osmosis and instinct. Mastroianni always claimed to be lazy. He more than once said screen acting was "holi-day time", whereas the discipline of stage acting made it "school time". He was a selfindulgent eater and even

weed for the next big role. But the adventurousness of his roles in over 130 films through four decades demon-strated time and again that he took screen acting far more seriously than he ever cared to show.
Inevitably, the chemistry
was less right sometimes: he

was not happy working with Antonioni on La Notte (The Night) in 1960. Despite occaslonal disappointments of this kind, he amply showed his commitment to his art by maintaining that if an actor comes a commercial product "like a bottle of Coke". And he not only accepted every conceivable role - taxi drivers to doctors, crooks to priests — but by forming his own production company to do work that was particularly lear to his heart, like directing the Neapolitan actor-play-wright Eduardo De Filippo in an adaptation of one of De Filippo's stage plays, The

One of the biggest risks he took was in declining the siren call of Hollywood after the success of La Dolce Vita on the grounds that he could not speak English. This did not stop him coming later to the UK and doing Diamonds For Breakfast for Christopher Morahan and Leo The Lost for John Boorman: he learned his roles parrot-fashion.

And, equally bravely, he returned to the stage both in

Italy and France. After a 10year absence from the theatre he decided, in 1966, aged 42, to play Rudolph Valentino, in Ciao Rudy, a musical biogra-phy of the Italian-born heartthrob. Although Mastroiann conscientiously alimmed and gave up smoking, as well as taking a punishing series of singing and dancing lessons, he bought his way out of this commitment after a commer cially successful run in Rome After this false start he waited another 18 years before returning again — in Paris in Peter Brook's 1984 production of Billetdoux's Chin Chin (he returned to the role on film in Gene Saks's 1990 movie, when it was softened up as a light comedy). Back in Rome in 1987 he had another big stage success in Pianola meccanica cosely based on Chekhov short stories. Another seven years slipped by before Mas-troisnni resumed his stage versity's commerce and economics faculty to be eligible film, usually as good-natured to join CUT — Centre for working-class lads. Then with



writer, Purio Burdon, Le UI- | fact that he saw screen acting | tri's 1976 film Todo Modo pretime Lune, premiered to con-siderable critical acclaim in Venice's Teatro Goldoni. In it, Mastroianni touchingly played an elderly widower: the long solo passages recall-ing the character's life and marriage, which Mastroianni was called upon to sustain, showed that the long years in the film studios had robbed the Italian stage of a very fine

stage performer. It will be as a screen actor

as an elaborate and somewhat malicious game enabled him to sustain such a long career. What excited him was always the challenge of tackling a completely new and unex-pected role — thus when he'd done La Doice Vita and seemed condemned to play the Latin Lover in perpetuity, he opted instead to play the impotent, latently homosex-ual Sicilian husband in

pletely different from anything he had played before just as he had appreciated that the Taviani brothers 1974 film Allonsanjan had allowed him to play bad guys and Ettore Scala's 1989 What Time is it? opened the way to father

comedies with Sophia Loren, he would have earned his

lesser-known directors like Blasetti, Emmer, Petri, Fer-reri and Scola, and to have worked with Antonioni, Polanski and Liliana Cavani means that his achievement was that of a colossus, ilis death ought to precipitate a mighty season of retrospec-tive showings.

Marcello Mastrolanni, actor

The actor who kept going back on stage to have a little more fun



in Rome in the early 1950s. everything I know. He didn't The play was Miller's Death of just teach me the profession of a Salesman directed by Lu-chino Visconti, who had given the young actor his first professional stage experience, playing the role of Stanley's pal in A Streetcur Named Desire. The next season he took over the role of Stanley from Vittorio Gassman.

In Miller's play Marcello had first played Happy. When I saw the revival a few seasons later he had taken over the part of Biff. In later years I saw him in several other Vis-conti productions, in two Che-khov plays, as Soleni in *The Three Sisters* and as Astrov in delightful Ripafratia in Goldoni's La Locandiera (Mine Hostess). What impressed me most about Marcello was his "naturalness", so refreshingly different from the traditional

acting but also how to enjoy being an actor as a man living in the modern world ... But he also taught me not to-be a guitto (italian for barnstorm-er), something which even some of my distinguished col-leagues often forget." During the 1950s he was to

win popularity with Italian filmgoers appearing in films that were usually lighthearted comedies in which he played the handsome plebeian hero. Then Visconti again gave him a chance to do something "serious", this time in films. This was an adaptation Blanche (White Nights) set in an Italian city (Livorno) rebuilt at Cinecittà Studios. It was made by a co-operative production company in which production company in which he was partner with producer had been organised in Cheisea the Paris stage. Peter Brook ranco Cristaldi, director Viscomii and scriptwriter Suso a taxi be was asking eagerly.

FIRST saw Marcello on the stage the very first time I went to the theatre in Italy, in Rome in the early 1950s.

Mastroianni admitted: Cacchi D'Amico. Premiered at "Who are we going to meet?" the 1956 Venice Festival, it stage and taught me almost won only a Silver Lion, the pied in the years to come but everything I know. He didn't Gold going to Satyajit Ray's he'd return to the stage from

Aparajito.
When it was shown at the months later, I was invited to accompany the quartet. This gave me the chance to see how much Marcello enjoyed being an actor. He was excited as a schoolboy when we took them to see Laurence Olivier in The

ARCELLO was the ARCELLO was the only one of us in Larry's dressing room after who didn't feel embarrassed by this first meeting. between two European theat-rical greats (as so often hap-pens on such historic occa-sions, the two greats, Visconti and Olivier, didn't know what to say to each other). Marcello just sat there gazing at Larry with adoring eyes. A party had been organised in Chelsea and as I bundled Marcello into

pied in the years to come but he'd return to the stage from time to time "to have fun" as he put it, though long runs were not encouraged. He played Rudolph Valentino in am Italiam musical. It was a rather awful show, but Marcello was disarmingly at ease as he sang his songs à la Rer Harrison. He loved playing every evening with 13 radiant leading ladies. He also enjoyed playing poker with the stage hands. There was an offer to take the show to Broadway take the show to Broadway but Marcello felt he couldn't cope with two matinees as well as six evening perfor-mances. With the excuse that Fellini wanted him for a new film (the ill-fated Voyage Of G. Mastorna that was never

performances.

show after

made) he withdrew from the

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Parry in his production of know's Platanov. Marcello's Francois Billetdoux's play last stage appearance, and the Chin-Chin. Brook and Mar one that seems to have given cello had never met. They holidayed in the same French watering place and at meals their eyes never quite met. One day, Brook left a mess with the concièrge saying he'd like to meet Marcello. As he handed over the note, he was given another — from Mar-cello, saying he'd like to work with Brook. Marcello has said that he enjoyed this experi-ence too, though at first he was dismayed to find he was expected to do the morning exercises aleays de rigeur for all actors working with the Another capriccio brought him back to the theatre in the

1905 when after having en-joyed working with Nikita Mikhalkov in the Italian-Soviet Oct Ciornie (Dark Eyes) he persuaded the Russian director to come to Rome and direct him at the Teatro Argentina in one of the roles he'd always wanted to play, Che-

one that seems to have given him most satisfaction was in the play by the relatively little known dramatist Furio Bordon, Le ultime tune (The Last Moons) which won him rave reviews from the critics, and ovations wherever it played all over Italy.
In spite of several interrup-

Galla

tions due to his alling health
— which finally induced him
to give up alcohol and smoking — be carried it over three seasons. The play was about a retired professor in his late seventies whose son and daughter-in-law don't profest enough when he offers to move into an old age home. "There came a moment," Marcello said when the play was revived again, "when I sat down to put my make-up on, I looked in the mirror and said why am I bothering to make up? I am an old man,

Yuli Borisovich Khariton

Power behind Soviet bomb

has died aged 92, was a Russian nuclear ploneer and a key member of the Soviet atomic and hydrogen bomb teams. (These were led by Igor Kurchatov.) In the early 1950s, Khariton set up Arzamas-16, a nuclear weapons laboratory on the Volga at Nizhni Novgorod, and has directed it ever rod, and has directed it ever since. It was there that he

Like many brilliant physicists from the United States, Europe and the Soviet Union during the interwar years, Yuli Khariton migrated as a graduate to the Cavendish Laboratory at Cambridge University to work under the great Ernest Rutherford. There he gained his doctorate in theoretical physics in 1927. At that time, nuclear phys-ics was at the cutting edge of academic research, the neutron had not been discovered and notions of nuclear weapons had yet to emerge. But on his tour of western Europe, Yuli Khariton became acutely aware of the possible. We took it very seri-underlying and powerful ously, for we also understood separation and also with

Terror.
Although in that decade
Khariton worked on nuclear kharmon worked on nuclear chemistry, he was drawn back into nuclear physics when, early in 1939, 190r Kurchatov — then also at Fiziekh — organised 2 study of nuclear fission. The brilliant Yata and the study of the clear fission of the property of the study of the clear fission. kov Zeldovich, a born physicist and mathematician who gained his doctorate without formal training, was the third member of the study group. Their study was not offi-cially approved. Yuli Khari-ton later recalled that they

"worked only in the evenings

sometimes very late, but we

scientific committee was that nuclear weapons were a possibility of the remote future. From the start of Operation Barbarossa, the Nazi invasion Barbarossa, the Nazi invasion of the country in the spring of 1941, to the 1942 Red Army offensive, the Soviet authorities did nothing although—largely through the Britishbased Soviet spy Klaus Fuchs—they long of the Maud - they knew of the Maud Report and of increasing ac-tivity in America.

On February 11, 1943, Khariton and Kurchatov were given the go-ahead and prom-ised some of the resources they needed. With their forsometimes very late, but we soon understood that, in theory and quite probably in reality, a chain reaction was possible. We took it very serious design for uranium-235

reactors for plutonium pro-duction. The group had no knowledge then of the Enrico Fermi reactor at Chicago nor, seemingly, did the authorities appreciate the huge scale of Anglo-American

programme.
In the wake of the United States atom-bombing of Hiro-shims and Nagasaid things changed dramatically. Or-dered to find a site for the development of nuclear weapons, the team searched the vast wooded areas east of Moscow. They settled on Sarov, the site of a former monastery which had become monastery which had become a prison camp. It was sealed off by the forces of secret police chief Lavrenty Beria. The fate of the thousands of prisoners went unrecorded.

Although always called Sarov by Yuli Khariton and the other scientists, the site was known at different times as the Volca Office Installa-

as the Volga Office, Installa-tion 558, Kremley, Arzamas 75 and finally Arzamas-16. At this site over the

brilliant interpreter and exec-utor of Kurchatov's and, later, Sakharov's intuitive ideas. Although the Soviet team often had to move forward on levels of scientific information that would have seemed inadequate to the Americans, there were few mistakes.

The conditions under which they worked were also very different. During the difficult and politically pressor ised development of both A weapons and H-weapons, the Khariton-Kurchatov teams were continually terrorised by Berta and his men. Khartton's father was killed or died of hardship in one of Stalin's labour camps. For extremely trivial reasons, key scientists were being taken by Beria for interrogation and threatened with imprisonment or exile in the camps. The site was so secret that even the party sec-retaries knew nothing of it.

Yuli Khariton, whose huge creative potential was stunted by these appalling conditions, next decades Khariton — who remained at Sarov after the at the outset was appointed as collapse of the Soviet Union,



Khariton . . . ran a crucial from its beginning

and was still working as director when he died. Like many physicists, Yuli Khariton had deep cultural interests, particularly in music and in literature. The son of a journalist and a Moscow actress, Yuli had a wide range of gifts. In 1993 he pub-lished a partial memoire, The Khariton Version in the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists. More may now come to light.

Anthony Tucker

Yuli Borlsovich Khariton, scientist, born 1904; died December 19, 1996

Letter: Willie Rushton

Simon Rae writes: Anyone who worked with Willie Rushton (obituary December 12) will testify to his star quality. He was also a highly accomplished novelist and W C Grace's Last Case (1984), was a comic tour-de-force in which cine man, Toulouse Lautrec and Queen Victoria. It is an comic tour-de-force, in which the bizarre pairing of WG Grace and Conan Doyle's Dr new edition would be a fitting Watson solve a case of daz-aling complexity, involving a ingly gifted man.

Birthdays

Bill Abbott, head of security, the Prison Service, 55; Michael Beaumont, Seigneur of Sark, 69; Billy Bragg, rock singer, 38; Simon Channing, former chairman, London Philharmonic, 36; Peter Criss. rock drummer, 54; Charles Denton, television and film producer, 59; Bo Diddley, singer and guitarist, 68; Uri Geller, illusionist, 48; Ros Hepplewhite, former chief executive, Child Support Agency, 44; Lord (Geoffrey) Howe of At Lord (Geoffrey) Howe of Aberavon, former Conservative minister, 70; Paddy McNally, motor racing consultant, 59; Rachel Trickett, former principal, St Hugh's College, Oxford, 73; Mitsuko Tahida nianiet 49; John Uchida, pianist, 48; John Whitney, chairman, the Really Useful Group, 66.

Death Notices

LE MARIE, Joy, née Smaltwood of A wake died en 17th December at West Insa General Hospital, Kontal. Commentation and cremitation at Lancaster Morécambe Cremitation at 2 Copy Size December, Joye with would be donations to Appon Aid, Hemiyn M. Archively N. 19 SPG.

ROBBISCAN, Journ (née Searie), widow of Joe (Robbie" - teacher at Gayhurst, Gerrards Gross), pescetally on 11th December 1896 spec 52, A public of Leiph Girls Crommur, she later fived in Soulin Africa, Bucke, Loics and leath Bhatpu's Castle, Strophirs, Much lossed and respected by 68 with the Soulin Africa Control of the Control of th

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Man of leisure takes over

Chief executive of Whitbread, surprised the City yesterday as he announced that he is to step down next summer. He is handing over the reins to David Thomas (left), head of the restaurants and leigner division prices Dominic sure division, writes Dominic

However, analysts expect little change of strategy from the man credited with helping to transform the brewer into a broadly based leisure company. It was Mr Thomas who mas terminded the David Lloyd Leisure and Felicin restau rant group acquisitions.

"They are basically cut from the same mould," said BZW analyst Charles Win-

Mr Jarvis, aged 55, said he intended to retain an involvement with business through his non-executive directorships of Burton. Renk and Barciays.



Labour lays down law on commodity market reform

Patrick Denovan City Editor

LABOUR governself-regulatory body unless the City's biggest and most powerful commodity market urgently embraces reforms demanded by the Securities and Investment Board

Mike O'Brien issued that warning yesterday as the SIB unveiled the findings of the

the running of the City's commodity markets begun in the wake of the £1.8 billion Sumitomo copper fraud in Japan.
Its indictment of the LME
— the world's biggest market
for the trading of non-ferrous
metals — concluded:

don Metal Exchange." Among the seven key recommendations is a call for "an urgent and thorough review by the LME of its gov-

In what is seen as a coded attack on directors of the market who have personal interests in the trades they oversee, the report added that

"conflicts of interest", and to ensure that the market is "run in the interests of its users and members".

It also comes close to personal criticism of the effectiveness of chief executive

David King and chairman Raj change of its cher-ished right to operate as a prove standards at the Lon-in the role, authority and resources of the LME execu-tive to enable it better to meet regulating a successful world market". Mr O'Brien said: "Self-regu-

lation failed in the Sumitomo case. LME must now make urgent changes if it is to ensure its future as an regulatory independent entity."
The SIB report does not with the Serious Fraud Office, the City of London police and other enforcement agencies in the US and Japan on possible links betwe Sumitomo affair and British

 better market monitoring with strengthened large-posi-tion reporting, more staff and rules and their enforcement "to reflect fully the regulatory

But it calls for:

obligations owed by its mem hetter systemic information-sharing with the Securi-ties and Futures Authority

David Pritchard, SIB head of markets and exchanges, called the LME the "leading

metals exchange in the world". But there were "a number of areas where the LME needs to strengthen and ture to reflect changes in the

Mr King last night promised urgent action but in-aisted that "in big-picture terms the LME has been

given a clean bill of health".

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cost of Halifax

He pointed out that the review had been sought by improvements in market the LME even though the transparency;
 more tightly controlled and at Sumitomo were in jurisdic-

tions outside its control.

The SIB had publicly de-clared that there had been "no systemic risk [to the marated". But he warned that there

was still a loophole in the regulatory system. "Under current legislation it is possible to trade actively in many mil-lions of tonnes in LME con-tracts in the UK without the obligation to be an LME member. The review envisages that this will be dealt with by better

Notebook

Metal verdict like a lead balloon



Edited by Alex Brummer

T IS partly in the nature of British financial regulation that it requires a grave cri-sis in the marketplace, like the Sumitomo affair, before regulators take any

The evidence of poor sur-veillance and controls at the London Metal Exchange was abundant long before rogue trader Yasuo Hamanka put up his hand, but nothing was done about it.

As at Barings, as long as the institutions concerned bringing in the income, compliance officers and self-regu-latory organisations are

reluctant to intervene. Now, after six months' study, unrelated to the parallel enforcement investigation, the Securities and Invest-ments Board has come up with the blindingly obvious. Those responsible for gover-nance of the market cannot, at the same time, represent some of the most critical com-

mercial interests on the trad-ing floor.

There must be arm's length governance of the kind which has been long established at the Stock Exchange and is being put into place at other problem markets like Lloyd's of London.

Nevertheless, the SIB doon ment marks a giant step for-ward for a market where the rules have failed to keep up with the volume of trading and changing practice. Of particular significance are the recommended strengthen ing of transparency in agency (third party) and options trad-ing, two of the fastest growing

and least undershood areas. What is worrying is that it has taken the SIB review by David Pritchard to produce a requirement that there be more information sharing with the Securities and Futures Authority, which is di-rectly responsible for monitoring members' firms. It is shocking if such basic data have not been systemically provided to the authorities.

It is imperative that the SIB changes are implemented quickly the 12 months' leeway being given seems over-generous. Moreover, if the reforms are to be credible it would be wise if the existing team of chief executive David King and Raj Bagri, both of whom have a commercial in-volvement in the market, were to stand aside so inde-pendent leadership can be

Mutual discipline

HE nine-month figures from the Halifax are something of a historic quirk as it seeks to put its ac-counts in order ready for the conversion documents which will be circulated to members in January. Nevertheless, they do provide clues as to how the Halifax will stand up as a plc when, as is inevitable, members vote for their aver-age payout of £700-£1,000. The most striking figure, on

which bank analysts will alight, is the cost/income ratio of 42 per cent, which means that in cost terms it is in a different league to the clearing banks, which are still struggling with the leg-acy of too many branches and poor information technology. The Halifax has given a high priority to restructuring its IT, following the Leeds takeover, which is among the reasons for an exceptional

reasons for an exceptional charge of 2206.9 million. This may not be the end of this in that the Clerical Medi-cal mutual insurer does not come aboard until the end of

this year. Even after the exceptional charges, including an addi-tional £69 million for the conversion, the Halifax still made £752 million before tax over the nine months. With its assets of £100 billion, the former building society will be a sub-stantial addition to the stock

market Unlike the Alliance & Leicester and the Woolwich, it has decided to waive the five-year quarantine for bids and is ready to fully accept the dicipline of the markets from day one. The A&L and Woolwich are asking for the best of all worlds; stock mar-ket quotes, the ability to raise rights lasues and terrorise the rest of the sector, and, in the A&L's case, generous options for directors.

Treasury minister Angela Knight should ignore their whingsing and ramove the five-year rule against

Rocky road

ENAULT'S attempts at working with overseas ways been crowned with suc cees. A planned alliance with Volvo foundered on Swedish shareholder concerns that their company would be swalmaker. A project with Ley-land Daf to develop a new van fell by the wayside when the truck and van maker's Dutch

This time Renault is teaming up with the General Motors stable through IBC, where GM is the majority shareholder and Japan's cent owned by the US car maker — holds a modest 18 per cent stake.

GM's size and financial clout means that this time round Renault is unlikely (to say the least) to hit either of the problems that have upset previous efforts. The French group will no doubt be relieved. In a European mar-ket which is flercely competitive and, arguably, has too many manufacturers, alli-ances, however limited, can

come in very handy.
Certainly the deal will fill
the gap left by the collapse of
the deal with Daf. But there is no suggestion that it will ex-tend into the industry heartland, cars. Renault still lacks the extra edge that the Volvo alliance would have brought.

Christmas gloom

Gallaher axes 950 jobs in Cheshire run-down

Mariyn Haisali, Northern Industrial Correspondent

ALLAHER, the inter-C national tobacco com-pany, yesterday provoked fury by announcing the run-down of its factory in Hyde, Cheshire, with the loss of 950 jobs. Closure is expected by the year 2000. The company, which made its announcement without

consulting union officials. government funding towards £45.6 million expansion of its plant in Northern Ireland, where it will create 290 jobs. The closure is the latest in a almost 1,000 in Northern Ireland. The British workforce is

Workers at the Cheshire

Christmas cheer

AUXHALL is joining

forces with Renault in a £180 million project ex-

pected to create at least 900

jobs in Britain and re-estab-

lish the Luton-based manu-

The deal involves IBC Vehi-

cles, which is 82 per cent

owned by Vauxhall's US

parent, General Motors, manu-

facturing a medium-sized van

to be developed at Renault's

not start until the turn of the

Production of the van will

French design centre.

facturer in the van market.

Benson & Hedges and Silk | closure decision was taken by Cut cigarettes, were last night preparing to defend their jobs. Union leaders open rescue talks with executives

Brenda Warrington, the MSF union secretary at the plant, said most of the workforce, with an average age of 45 to 48, had long service. "I think the company has con-demned most of us to a life without work," she said.

She said: "We heard the there were no rumours before angry that our employers have treated us so shabbily." Closure would spread "dev-

decade of rationalisation astation through the whole which has seen Gallaher shed some 1,600 UK jobs. including Mulhearn, MSF national secretary for the tobacco sector, said: "It doesn't make sense to concentrate all your production in one location." plant, which manufactures Union sources suspect the firm

Vauxhall buys back into vans

Onel. GM's German subsid-

tary. Renault will also supply

Vauxhall and Opel with

Though the van project will

run beyond 2010, Nick Reilly.

chairman and managing di-

rector of Vauxhall and chair-

man of IBC, said there were

no plans to co-operate on cars

This agreement is strictly

The deal will bring Vaux-

hall back into the medium

van sector, with the Trafic

filling the gap left since IBC

heavier vans.

related to vans."

century; in the meantime, stopped making the Midi, and agreement will Renault will supply IBC with the heavy end of the market mies of scale."

its Trafic model, to be sold in the UK as the Vauxhall Arena and in continental Europe IBC, in which Japanese car-

the British board of an Amer can company preparing for a de-merger, and a listing of Gallaher on the London stock

exchange in 1997. Gallaher last night said the production transfer to a single factory at Lisnafillan, near Ballymena, Co Antrim would cost around £70 million. The additional £40 million investment would in-clude the latest ultra-high-speed machinery.

Through rationalisation and investment "we will achieve significantly lower overhead costs and make an important improvement in production efficiency," said Peter Wilson, 's chairman. • BAT yesterday sold Henri Wintermans, Europe's thirdlargest cigar-maker, to a Danish tobacco firm, ST, for £55 million. BAT holds 32.15 per cent of the Copenhagen

maker Izuzu bolds an 18 per

cent stake, makes the four-

The new van project will

mean an investment of some £180 million split between

IBC's Luton plant and tooling

for suppliers, though IBC will not break down the split be-

According to Mr Reilly, the investment will bring at least

900 extra jobs at Luton, taking

A Renault spokesman said:

"The European van market is

extremely competitive. The

greement will give us econo-

the workforce to 2,700.

wheel drive Frontera.

tween the two.

Fashion-free Dunn & Co loses the thread again

Roger Covie

RADITIONAL mens-wear retailer Dunn & Co went into receivership again yesterday, five years after the name was saved by Hodges of south Wales. More than 400 jobs are at risk at the Swansea head office and 130 shops, mainly in the South and South-west of England. Receiver Paul Jeffery of ac-

countants KPMC said Dinm & Co would continue to trade

shrinking market.
"Dunn & Co is a well-known High Street brand and we are very confident that it can be sold as a going concern. It has been around for a long time. We are pinning our hopes on someone thinking they can run it better."

The name dates back to 1886 but its formula of tweeds and formal suits, sold in smal shops, has become steadily more difficult to operate prof went bust in 1991 but the name was saved, with 39 shops, by Hodges.

Two years ago there was another restructuring and the bulk of the company is now owned by venture capital company Cinven. Sales last year were 225 million. A total of 336 jobs will be lost today at Crawfords, the Scottish bakery chain which

Receivers have decided to close 47 shops with the loss of 270 jobs, while a bakery in Edinburgh is shedding 66 staff. Another 394 staff are being kept at 37 shops and in the restaurant division as receivers try to sell parts of the business as a going

went into receivership in

changing status the Halifax yesterday announced to the Stock Ex-

PLANS by the Halifax building society to be-come a bank will cost each of its savers and borrowers around 250, as the total conversion bill soars to around £500 million. Profits at Britain's biggest mortgage lender look set to fall this year — dragged down

Teresa Number

by the on-going cost of merg-ing with the Leeds Permanent and abandoning its mutual status. Yet 10 million of its for the time being and he members can look forward to hoped to find a buyer. Losses a windfall of around £1,000 in of £1 million a year were a result of the company's shrinking market. ecome a public company. Next month members will receive a transfer statement, which, like a prospectus, will outline the society's reasons for becoming a bank.

nonths to October 31, which | further £40 million

change. This compares with £1.2 billion profits for the 12 months to January 1996. A Halifax spokesman said: "We are not making any predictions about our profits for the year, but it is possible that they will be lower than last year when the costs associated with conversion are taken into account."

Excluding exceptional

items, pre-tax profit in the first nine months rose 6 per cent. Its new mortgage lending of £1.2 billion has crept up slightly from 7 per cent of the market when it announced its balf-year results to 9 per cent. But the merger cost the Halifax £25 million last year and £260 million during the first nine months of this largely spent closing 14 branches, merging computers and shedding staff. The meet-The statement will high-light pre-tax profits of four mailings connected with

itably. The company first Blunder rectified on the double

even thought about spending an early Christmas present — double pay-outs disbursed from a cash machine, writes Teresa Hunter.

The bumper payments were made by a Halifax machine in Commercial Street, Leeds, after a mem-ber of staff put 220 notes in a £10-note compartment by mistake.

The machine merrily churned out £20 notes instead of tenners — until an honest customer reported

the error. The society had precise who benefited from the have the money back."

SCROOGE appeared on mistake, and wrote to them the scene yesterday before Halifax customers had erroneous windfall to be returned.

A Halifax spokeswoman said: "A member of staff made a simple error and the machine was giving out £20 notes when son wanted £10s.

"But because the error happened overnight not many withdrawais were made before it came to

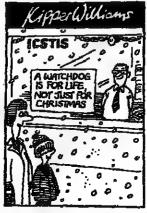
light. We know who the cus tomers are and we have written to them explaining written to them explaining Air the situation and asking se received more than they

Watchdog to pull plug on children's cash prizes YOUNG and short of pocket money? Want a couple of

grand? Then why not run up a socking great phone bill trying to win the money? tartie Nicholas Bannister. Competitions using pre-

mium rate phone numbers have been booming as children catch the gambling habit purtured by the National Loterv frenzv Children under 16 are

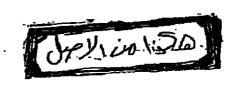
banned from the entering the Lottery but nothing prevents them from taking part in -and sometimes winning -phone-line competitions offering cash prizes. Premium line prizes for children do not come in the multi-million



change its code of practice for the 263 million premium rate competition sector so children under 18 will be unable to win cash prizes in premium rate call competitions. Players ring up to find out if they have won and how much they have won. In games like these the only sure pound league. Top whack is games like these the only sure probably about £1,500.

So after a consultation nies, who get their cut of the period, ICSTIS plans to call revenue regardless.

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anada 2.24	Hong Kong 12.64	New Zeniand 2,305	Sweden 11.312
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smmark 9.725	Ireland 0.977	Portugal 256,50	Turkey 170.605
nland 7.688	Israel 5.16	Saudi Arabia 8,242	USA 1.6375



OECD says some efforts to meet European currency criteria are short-sighted and may harm growth

Budget cutters warned

Larry Effictt

UROPEAN comtries intent on siashing budget def-icits to qualify for nonetary union in 1999 run the risk of damaging their short-term growth pros-pects, the West's leading eco-nomic think-tank said last

might.
While supporting the drive for reduced borrowing, the 29-nation Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development warned that the process should be gradual

and credible.
The OECD said that after this year's sluggish performance in the European Union it expected a slight pick-up in growth from 1.6 per cent to 2.4 per cent next year.

However, the Paris-based club's half-yearly report on the world economy said that this would be offset by alower growth in the United States and Japan, leaving the overall rate unchanged at 2.4 per

The think-tank concluded that growth of output and living standards over the 1990s was "likely to fall well short of post-war achievements in all major OECD countries". lic sector wage freezes and de-lit added: "Improving on ferrals of public investments,

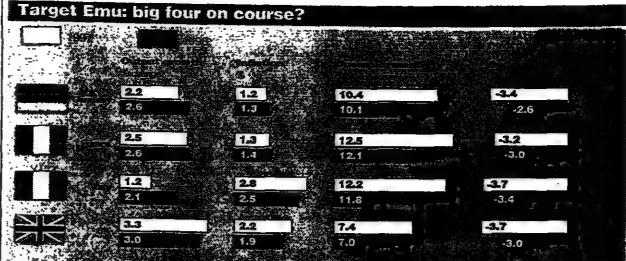
mance would raise material living standards as well as provide the resources to meet long-standing social goals, including an acceptable distribution of income, the elimina tion of poverty and the protection of the most vulner-able members of society."

According to the OECD economic performance in the West's richest nations could be helped by a "judicious use of monetary policy, together with credible, sustained fiscal consolidations over time without heavy concentration of restraint in a short span of

The Maastricht convergence criteria for a single cur rency stipulate that countries should have a budget deficit of no more than 3 per cent of GDP a year, a target that most of the continental countries are pledged to meet by next year's cut-off date.

However, the OECD expressed strong reservations about the methods used by some governments to improve their short-term fiscal

"Reliance on one-off mea-sures, such as capital transfers from publicly owned enterprises, or on measures that may have to to be



fundamental flacal adjust- | the use of scarce resources as

The report added that con crete plans for cutting budget deficits were only half the solution to bringing down un-employment, which is fore-cast to fall only marginally, from 11.4 per cent of the EU cent next year.

"It will also require that structural reform be under-taken on a wide front in order

well as to enhance impopative ness and the adaptability of OECD economies to changes brought about by globalisa-tion and new technologies." But, while backing the dere-ulatory approach favoured by the US and the UK, the think-tank stressed that tackling "the problems associated with poverty and exclusion" posed significant challenges for the developed West.

ing the past 25 years.
"In other countries, particularly the US and the UK but also some continental European countries, there are concerns that rising wage and in-come inequality have had adverse social consequences."

The report predicted that inflationary pressure across the West would remain weak

ularly in Europe, these prob- | for the next two years. The isms have been aggravated by the rise in structural and EU is expected to see prices rise by only 2 per cent a year in 1997 and 1998.

Short-term interest rates are seen as staying at around their current low level, but progress in bringing down unamployment will be slow. Germany and France are fore cast to see slight rises in the jobless totals in 1997, before the effect of easier monetary policy starts to shorten the dole queues in 1998.

punching home simple message

ARCHIE Norman pre-cented his first results as chali man of the Asda supermarket chain terday with the same combination of souring fig-ures and populist rhetoric that became a habit in his five years as chief execu-

up to allow time for his po-litical ambitions as Conservative candidate for Tunbridge Wells, reported that Asda's sales had again grown faster than any of its rivals' over the past six months, its return on capi-tal had overtaken the industry average and the chain was on course to overtake both BHS and C&A to become Britain's second-largest family cloth-

10 per cent on a compara-ble basis, to almost £3.5 billion, fired by 15 per cent growth in fresh foods and an increase of a untriin the George clothing range. Operating profit rose by almost a fifth, despite pressure on profit margins from the petrol

273 million profit from the Allied carpet business, pre-tax profit rose from £138 million to £240 mil-

lan Leighton admitted that the scale of sales growth had taken the company by

Asda beats rivals without resorting to card tricks

ROGER COWE on plicity and a focus on value for money, while rivals added cost with symmicks such as loyalty cards.

Asda has tested a loyalty card scheme in 20 stores

but is not ready to go shead across the chain. "We have the nuclear capability," Mr Norman said, "but we are ceeping our fingers off the

trigger."
Mr Leighton said there was still scope for sales growth if Asda could capi-talise on the size of its stores, which are 50 per

food and clothing at the ex-pense of several home and leisure categories. Paint, car parts and household textiles have already gone, and the range will continue to contract, concentrating on books, cards, news-

papers and magazines as well as music and video. Mr Leighton said the biggest hurdle to expanding clothes sales had been overcome with customers' ac-

along with their groceries.

News in brief

Money supply figures increase rate fears

THE City last night shortened the odds on a new year rise in interest rates after Bank of England figures showed a sharper than expected growth in the money supply last month. Misthan expected growth in the money supply last month. Miscash, bank and building society deposits—increased by 10.8 per cent on the year, up from 10.3 per cent in October. Analysis said the Miscash was supported by strong demand for loans. Figures from the Building Societies Association showed new mortgage approvals fell to £3.6 billion from £3.9 billion in October, but Adrian Coles, BSA director general, said. The ormariums transit is firmly unbranches and armount. October, but Adrian Coles, BSA director reviews, Said.

underlying trend is firmly upwards with advances and approvals significantly higher than in the same month last year.

"The slight fall in lending in November is not a sign of a faltering recovery but rather that it is more stable and likely to be sustainable in the longer term."

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oe sustainable in the longer term.

The British Bankers Association said lending by the big high street clearers rose by £4.56 billion in November, well up on the six-month average of £2.55 billion even after a one-off transaction of £500 million was stripped out. — Larry Killott

Trainspotters' delight

CERMAN and Italian trains could be running on the E2.8 billion Channel Tunnel high-speed rail link when it opens in 2003, it emerged yesterday as a bill authorising construction of the 68 mile line from London to Folkestone, Kent, received its Royal Assent. The legislation requires the link to be made available to other European rail companies under the European open access agreement. This means that Germany, with its inter-city express trains, Italy, with its high-speed tilting trains, or Spain with its express service Ave could all make use of it.

"The opportunity is there and obviously we would look at any deal on commercial terms," said Sir Derek Hornby, chairman of London & Continental Railways, the consortium building and running the link. The link will chop 35 minutes off journey times between London and Paris and Brussels. Passengers will reach Brussels from London in two hours, with a 2-hour 15-minute journey time to Paris. — PA

ourney time to Paris. - PA

Watchdog claim 'unfounded'

BRITISH Telecom's claim that Oftel's director-general. Don Cruickshank, had usurped powers properly held by the Trade and Industry Secretary and the Monopolies Commission was unfounded, the High Court was told yesterday.

Stephen Richards, QC for the telecom regulator Oftel, said Mr Cruickshank's inclusion of a sweeping clause in BT's licence prohibiting anti-competitive behaviour could have been challenged by the company under the existing rules. The issue would have been referred to the Monopolies Commission if BT had refused to accept the change. The Trade Secretary could also have intervised but did not, Mr Richards told the judicial review of Mr Cruickshank's decision. The European Commission's competition directorate had written to Mr Cruickshank saying it was happy with the clause, which BT Claimed would conflict with EC. happy with the clause, which BT claimed would conflict with EC competition laws. Mr Richards said Mr Cruickshank regarded muti-competitive conduct as "unacceptable" and considered there would be an increasing risk of such conduct as BT's market opened to more competition.

"Disignificant was reserved until today. — Nicholas Bannisse

Dominion breaks 50pc barrier

MORE than half the shares in East Midlands Electricity passed into American hands last night when Dominion Resources said it had bought 29.7 million shares in the regional electricity company for \$300 million. The purchase, carried out by SBC Warburg at Dominion's offer price of 670p a share, means the US utility has acceptances from shareholders speaking for 50.6 per cent of the equity. The offer closing date is January 10. Northern Electric will hear later today whether it has managed to escape the hostile takeover mounted by US utility CE Electric. --- Chris Barrie

Airtours prepares Med cruise

AIRTOURS, the UK's second-largest tour operator, is joining with cruise operator Carnival to buy the Italian cruise ship company Costa Crociete next spring for £181 million in cash, Airtours, which is 30 per cent owned by Carnival, will pay half of the purchase price. Costa Cruciere is based in Genoa and operates is ahips, mainly in the Mediterranean. Airtours and Carnival said they would pay for the acquisition from their existing resources.

Airtours predicted cruises would become increasingly popular in the UK and Scandinavian markets. Costa had a pre-tax profit of

Rank fails to win applause

SHARES in Rank Group slumped by 24%p to 417%p yesterday despite finalisation of the sale of its holiday coach business, Shearings, for more than £100 million. Investors were disappointed by the company's second-half trading statement, wh pointed by the company's second-nan cracing statement, which showed operating profits growth in line with the first half of the year. Underlying operating profits rose by 12 per cent to £93 million. There had been hopes that the company, which owns the Hard Rock cafe chain and the Odeon group of cinemas, would show more evidence of its new focus on entertainment and leisura. — Lisa Buckingham

Property dealer cleared of |Lawsuit empties bribing tax investigator

Pognacious Archie Norman says Asda's sales growth has eclipsed all rivals

AVID Shamoon, the 66-year-old property dealer famed for haring spent £39 million in London casinos over a nineyear period, was yesterday declared not gullty on a charge of bribing a senior tax officer.

Jurors at the Old Bailey the orders of Judge Peter

Reasons for the dramatic turn of events during the trial of former Inland Reve-nue investigator Michael Allcock will not be made public, on the judge's orders, until after the end

Mr Shamoon, of West Kensington, London, walked free after the verdict. As a result of his acquittal, "mirror" allegations against Mr Allcock of having accepted the bribe allegedly on offer from Mr Shamoon were dropped.
At the trial's opening in Corrigan, with an all-ex-



David Shamoon: Judge orders acquittal

businessman believed to have links with the Kuwaiti royal family pleaded not guilty to hav-ing provided Mr Allcock and his mistress, Michelle

penses-paid holiday in Marbella in return for pro-tection from investigation into his tax affairs.

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Another charge against
Mr Alleock — that of having corruptly accepted
hotel accommodation in
Nice from a man who cannot be named for legal
reasons — also ended in acquittal at the judge's direc-tion yesterday. Mr Allcock still faces 11

charges of corruption. Co-defendant Hisham Alwan --a 56-year-old oil consultant based in Knightsbridge denies three charges of bribing Mr Allcock. The Crown claims Mr

Allcock ensured Mr Alwan did not have to pay back-tax in return for hotel bills and the services of Miss Corrigan, then a prostitute. On other counts, the Crown alleges Mr Alicock took bribes from other wealthy businessmen in return for favourable tax treatment. He denies all charges. The case was ad-journed until January 2.

GKN's coffers

Chris Barrie

in the US yesterday when it lost the first round of a legal battle in North Caro-lica against its own franchi-sees which could cost the group up to \$554 million (234 million).

A jury in the Charlotte Dis-trici Court decided that GEN and its Meineke Discount Muffler Shops subsidiary should make payments to the franchisees over allegations that GKN failed to hand over money associated with adver-

Although GKN said that the verdict was complex and needed further analysis, the size of the pay-out stunned the City. GKN shares full 3.5 per chut to close at £10.09 as investors absorbed the pos-ability that GKN's £483 mil-

ments may be higher if the judge decides punitive dam-ages are appropriate. The company said it would appeal against the "wholly unreasonable" outcome and take a provision in the 1996

would not be endangered.

The case was filed thre years ago and centres on allegations that Meineke and its affiliates misappropriated funds each dealer contributed to support advertising since 1982. An appeal will take up to

The existence of the case had been disclosed in the GEN annual report but with-out an indication that the damages had the potential to be so high.

There was speculation in the City that the costs could cramp GKN's ability to pur-ticipate in further defence industry restructuring. The lion cash balance may be group, which makes helicopwiped out.
GKN put the aggregate amount of the award at seem mound weblicles, has been touted as a hidder for the tank maker Vickers.

PRODUCT RECALL **NOTICE**

Waitrose prepacked Mince Pies

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roublesome whip rule is hit for six

Chris Hawkins

HANGES to the controversial whip rule, which brought racing so much unnecessary bad publicity during the recent Flat season, mean that from next February jockeys cannot be banned merely for hitting a horse more than six times in a finish.

This is the crucial point in a thorough revision of the rule announced yesterday by the Jockey Club, concerned that the old instructions to stewards were penalising

good riding.

"People had become obsessed with counting strokes," said Christopher Hall, chairman of the disciplinary committee. "So we have done away with the sixhit trigger mechanism which was causing the difficulties and have from the started. and have given the stewards greater discretion.

"We have set out clearly the good ways of using the whip and also examples of im-proper riding. In future stew-ards will assess a jockey's performance against these

asked to examine all placed horses and a random selection of others after a race and will report findings to the

Thus the emphasis in future will be on how the whip is used rather than how many times it is used. There are 11 examples of spokesman for the RSPCA, is likely to misuse or improper riding in not unhappy with the new ini-

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204 1070-0 SCOTTISS WINDOWNS (2.1) (30) TW/16-11-6
205 007-70 BOLD CHARLE (201) N MEO 7-10-12
206 4 COMPLINE (201) N MEO 7-10-12
207 452-17 PLANT CADRY (91 M Ppp 5-16-12
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the new instructions, includ-ing raising the whip above the shoulder, hitting rapidly without regard to a horse's stride, hitting when a horse is showing no response, hitting other than on the quarters or shoulder and hitting with ex-cessive frequency.

Excessive use will depend on whether the numbers of hits was reasonable and nec-essary over the distance they were given and the degree of

Hall explained that once the stewards, who will attend a training day to absorb the new rule, were satisfied an of-fence had been committed they would consult with the stewards' secretaries for advice on penalties handed out in similar instances; consistency being the aim here.

Although the revised instructions represent a relaxation, stewards have been asked to deal more strictly

with serious offences and a four-day suspension will be the minimum for excessive

If a horse has been injured the case is likely to be referred to Portman Square. Hall was delighted to report that there were no instances of horses being injured last

Calls from the RSPCA and others for horses to be dis-qualified when a jockey has been found guilty of excessive use have sensibly been ignored by the Jockey Club. But Bernard Donigan, pokesman for the RSPCA, is

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2.50 Floot Cadel



Bright prospect . . . Red Blazer makes an impressive start to his hurdling career at Towcester

about what they've done. The greater involvement of the vets is a step in the right di-rection," he said.

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-50000 PHANAN (19) (C) (D) R Proceed 10-16-7
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95.502 WELLEGORIE PRESCESS (17) R INTELLER 7-10

"I would say he's more likely to go for the Comet Chase over two miles and three furlongs at Ascot in February and he probably is Boxing Day's King George VI Chase at Kempton in said the trainer, who has doubts about Sound Man's which Sound Man has been declared but is thought unlikely to run by Edward

pariner, would almost cer-tainly have chosen to ride One Man, who is now quoted at 8-13 by Hill's to win for the

At Towcester yesterday, Red Blazer lit up a grey after-noon with a resounding 12 stamina.

Another factor in the decision is that Richard Dunwoody, Sound Man's regular

lengths success on his hurdling debut. Trainer Henricetta Knight has big plans for the former top bumper horse.

"We have absolutely no inten-tion of aiming low," she said. "We're going to aim high, as he has real class." Miss Knight, who describes

Red Blazer as "the friendliest horse you can imagine" ex-plained that the gelding had broken down badly at Liver-pool in his only race last sea-son and will never be risked

Lingfield all-weather Flat card

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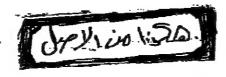
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Clark does the honest thing to the last

Peter White and lan Ross on the Forest manager's ultimate sacrifice

HEN all else failed, Frank Clark decided the ultimate sacrifice as the only avenue open to him to try to ensure that Nottingham Forest recover from their woebegone season and preserve their Premiership atus. That is why he handed in his resignation yesterday and, after 3½ years as manager, said farewell to the club he loved.

Forest are rooted to the foot of the table, without a win in 16 matches — a Premiership record — and with only 10 points from 17 games. The 4-2

'I resigned in hope that it will give the team a short-term lift. It was the best thing I could do'

defeat at Antield on Tuesday was the final straw. "I saw certain warning signs in that display," he said. "I have resigned in the hope that it will give the team a shortterm lift. I felt it was the best thing I could do."

His departure, 18 months before his contract was due to expire, gives Stuart Pearce, the club's long-serving foll-back, the chance to take his first step on the managerial ladder, albeit as caretaker. Pearce, who has captained Forest and England, meets the chairman Irving Korn today and is expected to accept the position until an extraordinary meeting of share-holders next month decides who will be the new owners of

prentice to a more experi enced man. The former Leeds United manager Howard Wilkinson is a possible candidate for the permanent position.

invite Stuart to become care-taker. If anyone can lift the players I am sure he can. I tried everything I knew but in the end I ran out of ideas. It is vital the team get a couple of victories to transform the whole picture. Injuries, loss of form and players not performing as well as they could, plus the whole situation surrounding the club, all added up to my resigning."
It ends an era that was

never easy but reached such heights in the middle, when cord of 25 games without de-feat, that the recent decline is the more shocking. When Clark accepted the position, forest had just subsided to the First Division under the failing powers of Brian Clough. Clark, returning to the club where he had been a successful player for three years — culminating in a win-ner's medal in the European Cup in 1979 — stamped his own authority on Forest and

took them straight back up.

A return to European competition quickly followed.

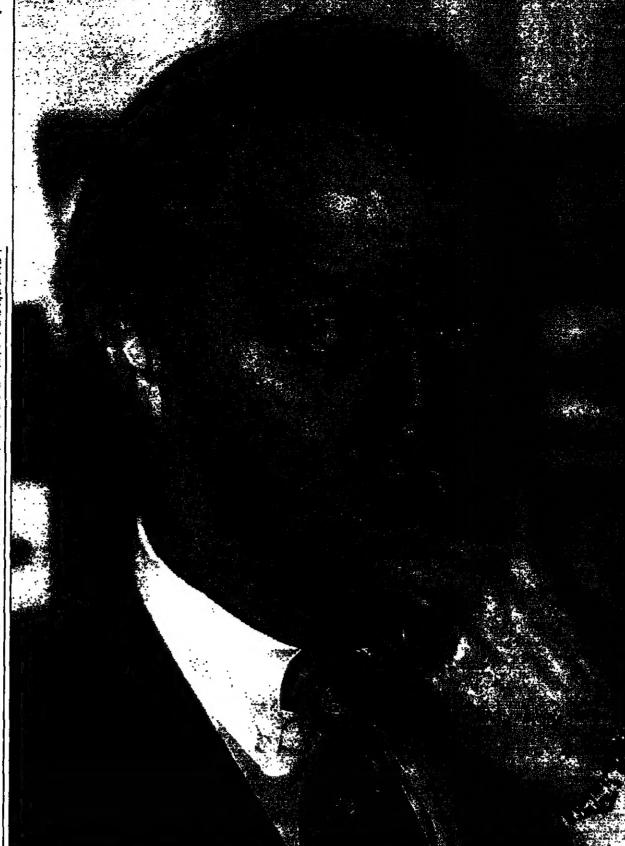
Less than a year ago Forest were again in Europe, reaching the quarter-finals of the Uefa Cup. This season began full of expectation, reinforced. full of expectation, reinforced when Forest comprehensively won at Coventry on the opening day. It was Clark's last league victory. Clark is unlikely to be out

of work for long. He remains one of the game's most respected managers. Manchester City are desperate for someone of experience to restore credibility. But there will be other options. Three years ago he was being touted as a possible England man-ager, he could fit the bill as the FA's technical director. He may also be offered work

He said last night: "I have nothing lined up but I do not know what might happen tomorrow or the day after. I would like to think I could take three months off but I must update my CV and start looking."
"It is a sad day for the club;

Frank is a good and honest person," Pearce said, echoing the feelings of the Forest playprobably continue as an ap- ers who might have been good enough themse honest enough: Everyone, it seems, loves

Clark, a decent and diligent man of mournful expression Clark said: "I feel it is a for whom nobody appears to wise decision by the board to | have a bad word. His style, | helped lift Forest back into |



End of the Forest road . . . 'I tried everything I knew but in the end I ran out of ideas' — Frank Clark yesterday

searching or even downright impertinent questions, has always been to fend them off with the straight bat of hones-At Anfield this week he was

ty and an amiable twinkle. generous in praise of Stan Collymore, who had scored twice against his former club. It was Clark who had promoted Collymore from promising extra to leading man in taking him from Southend to Forest. The reward was sweet-and-sour: the goals that

Clark, above all, deserved better than the problems of the pitch. Forest have debts so high that the entire firstteam squad were recently ru- cult to manage a club in the moured to have been put up for auction. It would have been the mother of all carboot sales.

current environment." Even his most sympathetic

seemly public falling-out of the competing consortiums which hastened Collymore's defection to Liverpool.

Clark had no need to talk of Collymore; it was a case of ised Clark about £13 million to pep up the side but when the same time players of the competing consortiums.

Andrea Silenzi (£1.8m) and Dean Saunders (£1.8m). This season he has badly missed Steve Stone, out with injury.

At the same time players of be quit yesterday he had not seen a penny of it. "We have been operating in limbo," he have performed with battling meet the 1999 deadline for said 10 days a abutite

Clark's honourable resigna-

tion does at least leave him free to enjoy a stress-free famsupporter, though, would be ily Christmas — unless, of hard pressed to defend his course, he were to take over at

> Falkirk's chairman George Fulston said: "It should have been spotted

> by someone at the club but

unfortunately I was on holiday at the time. If I had

been there I would have

only apologise to the club for not being there." Feyenoord are ready to enter negotiations with

Newcastle plan stirs up opposition

WAS labelled Britain's set ambitions stadium relepment in half a cendevelopment in that a cal-tury by a Newcastle Enits director, but by last night it was clear the Pre-miership club's ambitious plan for a 255 million, three-tier ground similar to Milan's San Siro to replace St James' Park faces growing opposi-tion from a small army of

The forore surrow plans, which include turning St James' Park into a multipurpose, covered sports com-plex at a further cost of 225 million, overshadowed the club's confirmation that it was seeking a stock market flotation that their joint chief executive Mark Corbidge said would "assist in the financing

of the next phase of the com-pany's growth". Newcastle's chairman Sir John Hall could not hide his irritation with opponents to the new stadium when he unveiled the scheme yesterday behind a ring of police secu-rity normally reserved for match days, with a small group of placard-waving dem-

onstrators outside. He lost his temper who questioned about the possibil-ity of a public inquiry into the contentious scheme to build on Town Moor, a protected public parkland close to St James Park. He thundered: "You've crit-

icised us so much in the past
... I'm sure if you go and ask
all the fans you'll get tens of
thousands of them saying this

Tyne in a redevelopment zone near the existing athletics sta-dium and it is clearly an op-tion if the planning process proves thresome for a restless board.

But, in a move which appeared to turn planning convention on its head. Newcastle City Council invited the club to submit plans for the Town Moor, which is run by an old guild, the Preemen of Newcastle.

The council offered some of its own parkland to the Freemen in a land-swap deal. Local allotment holders have already been given notice to But, in a move which ap-

already been given notice to quit. As the Freemen ap-proved the plan this week, protesters from the No Business on the Moor campaign, waving an 18,000-signature petition, promised to block the scheme.

Dolly Potter, a retired in-spector of historic buildings who is helping to lead the campaign, maintained that United were underestimating the opposition. "Hundreds of fans have signed our petition. They support the club but don't want the stadium here in a public open space. However attractive they make it. they will not win over the public."

Funds raised from the flotation, which analysis expect to value the club at about £160 million, will help pay for the new stadium and will also be used to repay a large slice of the 100 million invested in the club by Sir John, who owns 90 per cent of Newcastle's strares Newcastie could find them-selves with a value four times sign the same saying this sign that the future of Newcastle United."

The configuration and that will take its course. It's part in loss last year. The club are supercied to be in the red

this year as well.

But the losses can partly be blamed on Newcastle's accounting policy of writing off the cost of new players as ... we know the system."

The sags of United's future blamed on Newcastle's accounting politics, with the club's board appearantly losing patience with a faction-ridden Newcastle City Council and million in the past five years.

Premier League urged to fund ground improvements

THE Government has urged necessary money. The Pre-the Premier League to give miler League and the financial support to lower-div-ision clube so that they can are his targets. After a report detailing the Football Trust's money crisis. | night and suggested that what the sports minister Iain the Lottery has taken away Sproat yesterday reaffirmed the Lottery should put back, the Government's commit-saying that the decline in the

ment to deliver the Taylor trust's income was "a matter report recommendations on the 1989 Hillsborough disaster The trust, which gives grants for ground improve-ments, played a key part in funding the transformation of the Premier League clubs' run-

ums. But it faces problems be-cause income from pools after the National Lottery. Since the introduction of

the Lottery two years ago the trust's income has alumped from a reported £37 million a

the five-match Test series and needing at least to draw the

third - which starts in Mel-

stonewalled in response last

of concern to everyone connected with football". Opera House can benefit from huge Lottery grants, why is it that the smaller clubs, so vital ation of to local communities, cannot

receive some form of help?" In a letter to the trust chairman Lord Aberdare, Sproat said: "I do have considerable sympathy with the [trust's] position... I have noted Littlewoods' decision to withdraw their contribution from Spot The Ball, which was used to fund on-going safety year to £15 million, and work. We will be writing to sproat has been looking at other ways of obtaining the fine record of support."

PFA reassures players after damages ruling | Falkirk ordered to replay for using ineligible player

Gordon Taylor yesterday challenge on the former told his members they have Stockport player Brian nothing to fear from the courts as long as they remain within the boundaries of acceptable behaviour on the pitch, after a High Court awarded £250,000 The tackle inflicted "hor-to a player whose career was rific injuries" to McCord's

Taylor, the chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association, was speak-ing after Mr Justice Ian Kennedy ruled that the Swansea

Court setback

for Seles claim

MONICA SELES lost her MEIO million claim for damages and loss of earnings against the German tennis federation yesterday and was ordered to pay costs. The case was brought

after the attack in 1993 by

Gunther Parche, who stabbed her in the back on

a Hamburg tennis court. Seles, who has not visited

Germany since her come-back last year, is believed to

be considering an appeal, after the court upheld the

federation's contention that its security arrangements were not substandard.

"We don't want tennis in a

spokesman. "If the verdict

whether we could continue

• Jane Wood, the left-handed British No. 7 from

Middlesex, won the BWTA

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Tennis

McCord was "inconsistent" with taking reasonable care during a game with Stockport in March 1993.

right leg, ruling him out of the game permanently, and he is now studying to become a physiotherapist. Although this was not the first award of compensation in such circum- The £250,000 tackle, page 2. ing Falkirk for Dunferm-

Board has to

take a break

HE game's governing body put itself into baulk over a

technicality yesterday when its annual meeting in Bristol

was adjourned until the New Year because not enough

board members had been

According to the rules of World Professional Billiards

and Snooker Association Ltd, as near to one-third as poss

ible (ie two) of the six-strong board should submit them-

selves for re-election. The former chairman John Spencer and Bill Oliver were originally nominated for this

but apparently the board did

too late for his name to be in-

cluded on the proxy ballot

at least three weeks.

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to stand again.

Queen's Club, beating forms. The agm and election Emily Bond of Gloucester-have now been postponed for

1996-7 Season

PREMIERSHIP FOOTBALL

Tickets available for various clubs

nominated for re-election.

Snooker

Clive Everton

involved is likely to cause a major impact on all sport. Taylor admitted: "It sends a warning to players that the pitch is not an oasis that is

outside the law of the land. "But players will have nothing to worry about so long as they adhere to the ac-

Rugby League

OHN KEAR has left his

job as the Rugby League's

tive to become football execu-

tive at Sheffield Eagles, where

his friend Phil Larder is the

The RL does not intend to

replace Kear immediately be cause its chief executive Mau-

rice Lindsay wants to see how the unification process of the

sport's two governing bodies

Academy coaching execu-

Paul Fitzpatrick

new coach.

match against St Mirren for fielding an ineligible player. It is the first time the Scottish League, which also fined the club £25,000, has made such a judgment.
John Clark scored the long as they adhere to the accord of the game earwhen they go beyond those should not have played be-realms that they are open to legal challenge."

should not have played be-

CALKIRK have been or line and rejoining the First Division club. Although Falkirk, who

ision, subsequently released him, Scottish League rules state that there must be a year's gap before a player can rejoin his former club unless special permission is given. Falkirk and St Mirren will have talks over the date for the game, either

sties emer the Silk Car Chal-lenge Cun, and Wigan are concerned that they could lose Andy Farrell, the Great Britain captain, Stephen Hol-gate and Henry Paul, who has been chosen for New Zealand. Wigan's chairman Jack Robinson says it was agreed

Robinson says it was agreed by the RFL council that, be-

cause of the Challenge Cup no club would be asked to

supply more than one player to the Nines sides. "If that is the case, these selections are in breach of that ruling," he

January 7 or 8.

Larder on the 1932 Great Brit-ain tour of Anstralasia and has been involved in the in-lenge Cun, and Wigan are

known about the rule. I can Celtic for the striker Pierre van Hooydonk, who wants to leave the Glasgow club.

Sport in brief

England have given their con-

Results

Soccer

Chess

England have given their conditional backing to a World Championship of Test cricket, an idea first model by the Wisden editor Matthew English who stresses the potential for "huge sponsorship". "There are obvious advantages," said the Test and County Cricket Board chief executive Tim Lamb, Pakistan shid South Africa are also in favour. in favour. Nixon McLean, in for the

resting Curtly Ambrose, took five wickets yesterday but poor fielding was costly for the West Indians at Wangaratta, where Graeme Vimpani scored his maiden first-class

WEEST Cleveland 95. New Jersey 81; Or-tando 95. Indiana 102 (2005: Depoit 112. New York 75; Milwautse 105, LA Lektra 111; Denver 95, Secramento 79; Phoenix

bourne en Boxing Day dropped three catches and allowed 38 extras before Victoria were bowled out for 354 on, the opening day of this four-day match. Rugby Union

Fran Cotton will select an extended squad of 85 players, five stronger than the traditional touring party, for next year's 13-match Lions tour of South Africa. The manager wants extra back-manager wants extra back-up in specialist positions to avoid flying players out from Brit-ain in injury emergencies.

Cross Country

The tourists, two down in | County Durham International after all. The Ethiopian federation banned their athletes, demanding larger appearance fees, but interven-tion by the IAAF means that last year's winner Assefa Mezgebu and the women's world champion Gete Wami will run on Saturday week. Cricker

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Skiing

Italy's triple Olympic champion Alberto Tomba, 30 on Thursday, has pulled out of the World Cup giant slalom meeting at his home run on Sunday. Injured during training in October, he raced on Tuesday for the first time this season and finished a remark. ason and finished a remarkseason and the salatom at able second in a slalom at able second in a slalom at Madonna di Campiglio. He is Top runners from Ethiopia will compete in the BUPA unhappy about risking further injury on the demanding Alta Badin course.

Fixtures

Ice Hockey

not understand that Spencer's resignation last month meant resignation last month means that another man, from a Britain gear up to meet world challenge board now down to five, had

rogresses.

Kear was an assistant to competition is being held a said.

On the rotation principle, this proved to be the Bangkok businessman Sindhu Pulsiri-vong, but the decision came

TTH their Olympic chances hanging by a thread, Great Britain are already preparing to improve their global ranking at the world championship Pool B competition in Katowice in

April The event will provide them with the opportunity to Pool A. Then most of the and training camps we can go gain revenge against Switzer aquad played for their club a long way".

Isnd, who drew 3-8 at Shef sides in the British Champi Toemen said that after a field on Wednesday and so need only one point from their final game against Denmark tomorrow to draw level with Britain and advance at with Britain and advance at following day.

their expense to the Olympic Referring to that, Nico Toe fore flying on to Poland...

February by virtue of a superior goal difference.

The Swiss are among the rior goal difference.

The Swiss are among the general manager, said yesterseven teams who will be in day it was always "Okay Poland trying to secure the one promotion place to world championship Pool A.

Kear quits Academy for Eagles

ternational set-up ever since. Meanwhile, Hugh McGa-

han. Leeds Rhinos' foothall

manager since July 1995, is

returning to his native New Zealand to become marketing

manager of the Super League

Wigan are to seek clarifica-tion over the selection of

three of their players for the Super League World Nines

tournament in Townsville,

been poorly prepared for such events, as for example in 1994 nament without proper preparation. With good preparation we can so on their last appearance in onship finals at Wembley be-fore flying to Bolzano on the February, Britain will meet Monday in time for their first

elimination tournament next | men, the British Ice Hockey Association's technical direcguys, out of the bar at Wembley, on the plane, go to the World Championships".

But, he continued "now and training camps we can go

Austria, another Pool B team, game, against Russia, the in Vienna or April 6 as part following day.

Cricket

STATEMENT SHEELD NEW South Weige 190 (S. Waugh St. Bichel 6-55), Gusoms-land 89-2.

FOUR-DAY MATCHES Hoberts Pakistan 29 (Shehid Airid 80, Musiting Ahmed 65; Young 7-64), Testinals 73-1, Wassen-ster Victoria 364 (G Vinnpan) 133, D Berry 50; MoLean 5-45) v West Indias.

Equestrianism GRANGE BOWL INTERNATIONAL CHARPMONTHER (Maint Beach, Florida): Selected: Boyer U-18. Third rounds M Lee (GS) bt A Simon! (Bt) 7-8. 5-4. U-16: Pearth round: F Gentales (GNIe) bt S Dicision (GB) 6-2. 5-2 m J Lievane (Col) bt D Sherwood (GB) 6-3. 4-6. 6-4. Girlet U-18: Second round: L Catatach (US) bt J Choudhary (GB) 7-8. 5-3.

CLYMPIA: INTERNATIONAL CHARPA-CMSHIPE (London): PAO Breat Christ-mas Cracker 1, Virtus-Village Welham (J Whitaker, GB) 36, 41,48sec; 2, Round Street Charlis (J Renwick, GB) 36, 464; 3, Oylaro (L McNaught-Mandil (Switz) 36, 47,86, Beather Renders Christian

Dylano (L. Bechangin-Mandil (Switz) 34, 47, 94, Beatan Rundard Christense Padding Stakes: 1, Reville (J. Fisher, GB) 48, 10sec; 2, Comex NV Furneri, GB) 50, 73, 3, Loro Pians Stance D'Ampry (R. Passon, SP) 51, 78, Burespert Bibliother Talto Your Own Lines 1, Virtual Village Solitaire (G. Billington, GB) 27, 72, 3, Alfresco Lad (P. Gherles, kra) 38, 32.

ice Hockey

PRESIDEY: Batley v Villennine (* 30 Basketball

SAMERICAY'S CLASSIC COLA MEN'S MATIONAL TROPINY: Sami-final, according Derby v Orient (8:30).

Rugby League

NATIONADE LEAGUE First Divisions Southand v Birmingham (7.45) Second Objected Oracle v Notes Co (7.30), Palestoropy v Barring (7.45), Streambury v Waterill (7.45), Third Devictions Colchester V Cambridge Utd (7.45), Northampson v Harsford (7.45), Observances Skough Validation (7.45)

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Rescue alert as Concert loses mast

Heavy seas and equipment problems in the Southern Ocean: Simon **Montague** reports from on board **Nuclear Electric**

RESCUE mission was under way last night to reach the stricken BT Global Challenge yacht Concert, which has been dismasted in the Southern Ocean 2,000 miles east of New Zealand

Most of the mast was lost after one of the supporting cables snapped in heavy seas. None of the 14 crew was injured and the 67ft steel hull remains intact. Together with the other yachts in the fleet our crew aboard Nuclear Elec-tric are standing by to give diesel fuel to Concert, which is motoring towards the nearest land, the tiny Chatham Island some 1,600 miles away.

Concert was lying fifth when the mast collapsed. It followed reports of rigging problems on three other yachts in the 14-strong fleet, each skippered by professionals with fare-paying crews, and last night Commercial Union joined the list of boats

their rigging cables. Global Teamwork and Save The Children had already suffered damaged rigs, and 3Com had radioed to tell the rest of the fleet that her forestay had snapped at the connection with the mast. That crew must have been horrifled: with no forestay they too could have been dismasted. 'Every wave, every bang, our said Kleron O'Connell, a crew member, during the fleet's twice-daily radio link-up.

Concert was dismasted close to the position where British Steel II lost her rig four years ago in the British Steel Chal-lenge, whose fleet was plagued by a series of bottle-screw failures. For Chay Blyth, the race organiser, the fear is that serious generic problems may yet

rying out daily rigging checks, although the weather makes the task dangerous. The damage is thought to have been caused by the heavy sens through which the yachts have been pounding since rounding Cape Horn a fortnight ago, on the second leg from Rio de Janeiro to

Wellington. The fleet are now a little over halfway across the lonely Southern Ocean where there are no passing ships to lend emergency assistance. The strain was beginning at tell before these mishaps. Not tell before these mishaps. Not only are the crews cold, were and tired, the signs that the yachts too are suffering concentrates the mind, even though on Nuclear Electric though on Nu

The race organisers had already faced up to the burning question: should we continue on the intended course, which had been lengthened by 450 miles to prevent us arriving in Wellington too early for the scheduled reception party? Or, for safety's sake, should we be allowed to race over the shorter, direct distance? As we approached the mid-ocean point the route had to be settled once and for all.

days earlier, was abandoned. The first boat reached the mark, an imaginary buoy at 52 degrees south, 120 west, a few hours later; now we are heading straight for our next stopover 2.700 miles away.

never saw. Suddenly thoughts are turning to Christmas cele-brations: the vacuum-packed turkey portions and the few presents on board.

We have about two weeks we have about two weeks left to close the gap on the leaders. As I write, Nuclear Electric is mid-fleet, with Commercial Union less than three miles ahead. It may seem extraordinary but, after 4,000 miles and with more than half as much still to go, we are using radar to measure progress against them in tenths of a mile. We have renewed the duel we had off

other yacht is a tonic. On deck there was a brief interlude of what passes for moderate wind and a tem-perature of nearly 10C. But the forecast is for strong winds and high seas as we fol-low the great-circle route back down towards the Screaming Sixties. We are battle-scarred now, and know what to expect: sail changes in forious seas, clothes damp with sweat beneath our dry-suits, snatched sleep as the yacht slams hideously into waves, and condensation

waves, and condensation dripping from ceilings on to our sleeping bags. So far we have not experi-enced a full Southern Ocean ous generic problems may yet storm but the vicious squalls develop elsewhere in the fleet that tear across these desolate seas are all too familiar. All the yachts are now car- Their arrival is signalled by a thin grey line on the horizon which within minutes becomes a curtain so vast and

black it recalls pictures of the burning olifields of Kuwait.

Then the squall cloud hits, with the wind gusting vio-lently to 40 knots. Nuclear Electric heels over but remains eager as ever, driv-ing up the face of waves 30ft high. The helmsman stands knees bent in anticipation of the trough beyond, eyes pro-tected by ski goggles from the idinding spray. Sometimes here is no escape; in one half-hour at the wheel I was twice

settled once and for all.
On Friday night the news
was relayed to the yachts: the
longer course, confirmed only

Rounding this invisible milestone fired us more than the supposed highlight of passing Cape Horn, which sadly we

Argentina three weeks ago, and to be in sight again of an-

on Chandos, the old pitch of Roundhay, who merged with Headingley in a sort of City-United venture in 1932. Freezing puddles can still form on Chandos but the Headingley pitch where Ian McGeechan once strutted his stuff is now a supermarket's warm check-out area. Amid the puddles a handful

of the area's braver under-17s splashed and shivered, listening to two of the ckub's devel-opment officers, Mike Shelley, a large prop, and Colin Stephens, a little outside-balf | 46 caps for Wales from 1985 | land and Ireland and depart from Lianelli. The under-17s | 95, thanks to a beautifully soft | ignominiously. He stayed were probably too cold to notice the difference.

The director of rugby did fering for long. Inside his office overlooking Chandos a thick fog of condensation soon formed over the windows and Phil Davies could sit back and worry about the kettle boiling and the instal-lation of burglar alarms around his new baby, £15,000

worth of performance analy-sis computer.

'There's no hiding on the pitch any more, not with this

T WAS a stay-indoors kind of day at Leeds originally from Seven Sisters, and giving the ball, that is — and a sharp mind.

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Eddie Butler on how Phil Davies has helped transport Llanelli's

expansive style north to Leeds, who face Gloucester tomorrow

opment coordinator and cameraman at all their games. "Unless you know how the machine works. There's a certain second-row forward who's been coming up with some amazing tackle counts on the stats list ..."

Davies is still playing, at

No. 4, and still looks too sbort for line-out life and too thick-set for No. 8. And yet in both



fool now reduced to writing about his successor, at the end he was the veteran who phoned the Wales manager to announce that he was not available for the World Cup in South Africa. "You haven't been picked anyway," was the

reply.
Davies wished Wales all the best, then watched them lose second and back rows he won pool games against New Zeawith Llanelli for one more season before heading north to take the helm at ambitious

Leeds.
They currently lie second in the Third Division behind Fylde, having lost to Morley, Wharfedale and Lydney. "It's always easy to say but we could have won all three games," said Davies. "But we

music in the sort of borrowedfrom-league style that sets the ears ringing at Richmond

Leeds united . . . the club's players gather their thoughts beneath the glare of the Headingley floodlights as they prepare for the Pilkington Cup fifth round PHOTOGRAPHS: CHRIS THOMOND

Scarlets blend with white rose

whenever a try is scored. Anyway, quite by chance, the first person going over for a try was the Leeds No. 4, the hands and mind apparently still in perfect working order. "There's no real secret to the way we play," said Davies. It was tempting to suggest that Leeds play well in the Third Division because

they have a very fine side.

Alongside the Welsh international in the powerhouse is
Christian Raducanu — of Romania until he left himself behind somewhere as Roma-

Tongan who plays either at centre or in the full-back position he filled when playing against Davies in a South Seas Test in 1994.

But Davies was referring not so much to the personnel as the style he has brought to Leeds. "I suppose it is what we were doing at Lianelli three or four years ago." At that time Lianelli had perfected an interpassing fluency based on the awareness of the ball-carrier that release was the only option as soon as he felt that his team-mates in support had greater momentum than himself.

eos: the best bits of their 96-6 victory over Redruth in an earlier round of the cup, a record score in the Pilkington. The highlights were set to cutside Sateki Tuipuluta, the Third Division, where space opens up before well coordi-nated attacks, but at least

preach.

Having gone through the computer and the style, Davies suggested a guided tour of the ground where the first team play. It meant leaving the office, Chandos and the rain beneath which the rain, beneath which Stephens, still out there amid the puddles, barely bad the strength to raise an arm in farewell, and heading for Headingley, which Leeds RUFC lease from Leeds RLFC in the winter months.

The surface and the sur-It is a style that contrasts I roundines are only conductive nian rugby players once with current thinking on the tended to do. At No. 8 there is Weish scene, where talk of Jason Ashcroft and on the wing Richard Mathias, both reality of players in near grade.

Referees to strike in Wales

could have won all three games," said Davies. "But we didn't so we just look ahead."

The near future brings a pair of major challenges. Tomorrow they play at Gloucester in the Pilkington Cup, and the following Saturday they go to Fylde in the league.

And how do Leeds under Phill Davies play? Apparently at random he chose a tape from the packed shelf of vid
THE Welsh Rugby Union and its referees falled to resolve their dispute over match fees last night and tomorrow's strike by the officials will go ahead, writes David Plummer.

No games in the top five divisions in Wales will be played but the six scheduled Swalec Cup ties and trandom he chose a tape from the packed shelf of vid
THE Welsh Rugby Union and its referees falled to resolve their dispute over match fees last night agreed to be available to play for Wales again, so ending a four-month dispute between the Richmond No games in the top five divisions in Wales will be played but the six scheduled Swalec Cup ties and tomorrow's strike by the officials will go ahead, writes David Plummer.

No games in the top five Welsh businessman, Geoff Cartwright, offered Quinnell strongly of the ward of t

Cricket

Flower power blossoms

Paul Allott sees the former Zimbabwe captain enjoying his new-found freedom

relinguished the captaincy of Zimbabwe because the job was affecting his over-all performance. As open-ing batzman, wicketkeeper and captain his workload over 12 Test matches had finally become too much. Surprisingly his batting av-

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ANDY FLOWER is no shirker and yet only six months ago he but the cumulative respon-

sibilities meant that some-thing had to give.

He dropped down the order to No. 5, which far better suited his wicketkeeping duties, and with David Houghton at four he sought to provide a solid middle-order core to give stability to Zimbabwe's

batting. Vindication of his decision has come swiftly in the shape of his marvellously compiled, chanceless 112 against England, amassed over 331 deliveries in more than six hours of batting.
This innings, in his 21st
Test, pushed his average
above 48, no mean achievement by any player but in
an historically weak side

this is stumning batsmanship. He is no stodgy accumulator either; he possesses the full range of attacking strokes and is confident and even cheeky enough to play them on de-mand. After spending nearly an hour in the nineties he executed a perfect reverse sweep to take him to his 100. No hint of nerves

or desperation, just the right shot at exactly the right time.
Flower was Zimbabwe's second player to turn full-time professional, following Houghton, whom he also succeeded as the pro-fessional at West Brom-

mingham league. Being a professional cricketer in Zimbabwe entails about six games a year and consequently Flower has sought employment in the Netherlands and has played and coached all over England, from Widnes to last summer's sojourn as a coach at Epsom college and playing for Eastbourne. He is still the only Zim-

wich Dartmouth in the Bir-

babwean to have captained habwean to have captained his country to a Test vic-tory, against Pakistan, and he has been one of three ever-present players in the Test side, the other two being his brother Grant, and the present captain and the present captain

Alistair Campbell. It was Campbell's inspirational innings on the first morning which set the tone and it was his wish that Zimbabwe should amass 400 but it was Flower's resolute.
almost perfect innings
which finished the job.

WINDOWN CONTROL 25-5)
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A Flower & Stewart b Turnell
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Total (for 1, 13.5 overs) 45
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To beat 7A J Stewart, G P Trenne, N Hamisian, JP Crawley, R D B Craff, D Gough, C E.
W Silverwood, A D Mullady, P C R Tuffell,
Borwtlong Streak 6-2-11-0; B C Strain,
5-0-21-0; P A Straing 1.5-0-0-1; Olonge
1-0-10-0.
Umpfreet R 6 Dunne and I A Robinson.

Chess

McShane proves his mastery at 12

Leonard Barden

WELVE-year-old Luke Mark Ferguson. McShane yesterday achieved Britain's youngest International Master norm by sharing second prize in the Caledonian Masters in

since Nigel Short, drew his ams, who achieved their and to beat a grandmaster, many and Ireland. His ambiing trap and had a superior
final game against the Lonnorms at 14, all reached the
He has already competed tions are to become a grandposition only to blunder away
twice with success in the master himself and one day a rook.

Total (137.5 evers) 576
Pall of wielcome counts 331, 372, 376.
Resimilary Mulliality 23-4-68-1; Gough
29-4-67-1; Silverwood 18-6-63-5; Crost
44-15-77-3; Tuinell 28.5-4-76-2.

McShane scored six points from nine games for his norm and can now qualify for the full International Master title with two similar tournament Edinburgh.
The Westminster Under
School pupil, regarded as the
UK's most promising junior

The others are good:
Matthew Sadler, who previously held the record at 13, and Short and Michael Ad-

The other afternoon event,

Piana Tomboy. On Wednesday evening

Whitaker, coming in last of 10

on his durable veteran Gran-

three hours' play and finished half a point behind the win-ner, the Cambridge student title, Adams was a world championship semi-finalist, and Sadler won a gold medal at this year's Olympiad.

Taught chess by his grandfather, McShane won the British Under-Nine and World Under-10 titles before his ninth birthday. He was the youngest Briton to qualify for a world ranking

journalists, and he too is following that route; last month the Sunday Express made him its chess columnist, yet another age record.
He is sponsored by the computer company Psion, which has funded his travel to open tournaments in Spain, Ger-

senior British championship. avenge Short's 1993 champi-Unusually for a top chess player, both McShane's whom McShane has already parents (now divorced) are played twice.

lournalists, and he too is The first occasion was a

clared: "Luke has a better chance of winning my title than Nigel." The second was an Internet game last year, when McShane caught the world champion in an open-

Equestrianism

Welham in Whitaker double

John Kerr at Olympia

also a one-round affair, was won by James Pisher on Ren-RITISH riders may be short on numbers but continued to hold their own ville, his remarkably consistent Dutch-bred eight-year-old, who is approaching 20 against a strong overseas successes at home and abroad challenge here in London yes-terday when John Whitaker, who had taken the top prize this season. William Funnell on Comex looked the likely winner until outpaced by Fisher. The young Brazilian Rodrigo Pessoa, an Olympic the previous evening, completed a quick double in the P&O Events Accumulator. team bronze medallist in At-The Yorkshireman, who lanta, was third on Loro

won a similar class in Geneva last week, had the fastest of six maximum scores on Vir-Olympic horse, whom he rode internationally for the first time here two years ago.

He had all of five seconds in hand over John Renwick on Roundstreet Charlie, with Lesley McNaught-Mandil, the British-born Swiss rider, taking third place on Dylano.

On his durable veteran Grannusch, made the most of his jump off draw in the Christing Dutch riders to second and third places. Equally important, the victory ensured his place in last night's Masters class, decided on a winner-take-all basis. tual Village Welham, his

champion in Jackson. The | Financially ruined by his Steven Downes

Livingston, small but well muscled, was already nick-named "Baby Ben" before he test and being sent home from the Olympics, in his case Bar-

Livingston back to the big time against Jackson

Athletics

JASON LIVINGSTON, the ghost of seasons past, will race against Colin Jackson over 60 metres at Birming ham in the New Year, his first real test since returning to the sport last July from his four-year ban for steroid use.

the Olympus, in the celona in 1992.

Now 25 and picking up the threads of his career, Living barely made it into Britain's barely made it into Britain's top-20 rankings at 100m, a threads of his career, Livingston comes to the Birmingham race as a former (1992)
European indoor 60m champion but is stepping up in
class to take on the reigning

showed his quality in Paris in 1995 when he won an unprece-dented indoor double in the flat dash and sprint hurdles. Jackson is breaking a training stint in Australia to fly to Britain for the races at the National Indoor Arena on

January 4-5. Also flying halfway around the world for barely half a minute's midnamed Baby Ben beaute winter racing will be achieved the same notoriety as the disgraced Canadian training partners, Jamie Banlch and Paul Gray. a key test. The Londoner raced at the end of last summer's track season but

Welshman, the outdoor 110m legal campaign to have his ban hurdles world record-holder. lifted, Livingston may still be able to cash in on his bullet-Horsham he broke the indoor track's 50m record three times. recording 5.8sec, only 0.04sec off the 1983 British record.

Cricket

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Zimbabwe v England: first Test, second day

Dark clouds close in on England

David Hopes in Bulawaye

IFE here changes imperceptibly. A reopened restaurant, a new shop, or even just a new face, is regarded as something of a marvel. It was appropriate, therefore, that England woke up to the second day of the first Test to discover that it was exactly like the first. There was the same enervat-

ing pitch, the same unin-spired fast bowling, and yet more Zimbabwe resistance. In their utilitarian wooden stands, assailed in turn by fierce sun and protracted rain, England's holidaymaking supporters gazed upon another scene of frustration and wondered whether their suffering would ever cease. In Australia or the West Indies they surf the beaches, drink their cocktalls and graciously accept whatever cricketing fate presents villon and left a cold, damp itself. But Zimbabwe? Surely feeling creeping down the there have to be some certain-back of every English neck.

Today should go some way to revealing England's fate in this series. Having conceded 376, they can establish their superiority over the next two days by scoring 500 on a feather between plitch and applying pressure on the final day. Alternatively the top six can make another hash of it and collarse against the leg-spin that to leg-spin was a useas pointment," said David Lloyd, England's team manager. But this leg-spinner has cost of more than 60 runs each. I'm not about to put any demons into the minds of our betsmen."

Timbabwe were not so discrement ridiculously easy. collapse against the leg-spin of Paul Strang. This being England on tour, both out-

is the final act of a rain-abbreviated second day that of their captain Michael Atherton, trailing from the field at tea after falling lbw to Strang's 11th delivery. The rudimentary conclusion is that this was nothing more than a batsman getting out after being hit on the leg. Wrap it in psychological rele-vance and England might as well catch the next plane

Atherton had looked on top of his game: feet moving deci-sively, the big-game player again making his unconvinc-ing form in the warm-up games seem an irrelevance. Then Strang pushed through a quicker, flatter leg-spinner and Atherton, on 16, was ambushed on the back foot. As the rain fell, with England 48 for one, the memory of his dismissal was washed into the outfield dripped from the guiters of the century-old pa-

pitch, and to lose a wicket like that to leg-spin was a disap-pointment," said David Lloyd, England's team manager.

Zimbabwe were not so dis-inclined. Andy Flower, whose 112 had prolonged their first innings into mid-afternoon, Paul Allott and The one discouraging insisted: "Everybody sees | page 15

the betting. It was nice to get rld of him. The ball is turning from the rough for Paul Strang and I reckon we can put England under pressure." England are quite capable of doing that themselve

They laboured for a further 23 overs yesterday to split Zimbabwe's seventh-wicket pair and needed twice as long to bowl them out. No bowler disappointed more than Mullally. If he bowled with able economy, it was a batsmen play. Silverwood, after his first four overs went for 25, could be reasonably content with his debut.

Strang played perkily for his 38, particularly against Tuinell, but it was Andy Flower, 58 overnight, whose six-hour resistance allowed no respite. He played with diligence and good organisation. There was occasional invention, too, notably when he reverse-swept Tufnell to reach his third Test hundred. Streak dragged a weary de-livery from Mulially into his stumps as Zimbabwe's last three wickets fell in eight



Walk-off part . . . Atherion leaves the stage after falling lbw

Christmas on tour is a proper turkey



Frank Keating

England cricketers in Zimbabwe must be yearning for Dominic Cork at his bounding, bonny best. With another Test next week, he'd stir up their puddingy Christmas all right, wouldn't he!

Actually, I looked up Cork's published diary to find how he was rallying the troops in South Africa on Christmas Day last year. "Dec 25: A cricketer gets used to Xmas Day in the sun, round the pool or on the beach. After wee Gregory opened his presents we went round to the house my folks are renting... How many ways are there of saying it's raining again? I have received the East Midlands Sports Personality award jointly with Forest's Steve Stone. Very honoured." Well, not even the disries of

isbrated writers down the century bave summoned much relish for Christmas Day, witness Joe Orton's oneliner thirty December 25s ago
— "Had becon & cauliflower
for lunch; 99 idiots already dead on the roads" - or Evelyn Waugh's 30 years be-fore that in 1935 — "Felt III. Family fun. Nearly sick on

way home".
Or, come to that, Noël Coward's exactly half a century ago in 1946; "Spent day in bed talking on talephone to Sybil, Graham, Gladys, Had delicious food, including caviare.

Later, party at Binkie's." Or Kenneth Williams's 25 years later: "Watched television, Christmas With The Stars. Stars indeed!! What a JOKE. It's all 'BBC jobs for the boys". Utter muck."

By then, in the early 1970s, England's cricketers abroad were enjoying the obligatory (since wretchedly forced) fancy-dress party, and doubt-less the team's kitty-master will again sell next week's pictures to the highest-bidding tabloid. Makes you feel as

Evelyn Waugh did in 1936. To be sure, in his published journal of England's 1984 Christmas on the England tour to India, Vic Marks was so smitten by the idea that he devoted three detause page.... the fancy-dress carnival — joint winners, Lord help us, Allan Lamb and Neil Foster as

... old country's leader deposed in ex-Soviet state (6

24 Many forms of hesitation

tense? (8)

Down

overcome by common

Fanatic? One may lead

2 Bear a derisive expression?

Flagging, when trying to get across (9)

Make a great show of climbing mountains with mum? (6)

5 It makes a point for writers of sketches (6,9)

6 Has shown up to collect a

vehicle number, that's plain

26 Sall in a storm round this

country? I may need training (6)

party in a while (8)

Mr and Mrs Gandhi — in the Grand Hotel, Calcutts. Coincidentally, Marks's ob-servations came on the very same December 25 that Andy Warhol, then New York's loos, was making a similar botched dist of dressing up. "Tried to dye my eyebrows," he told his diary, "then my hair, but wasn't in the mood." Marks's entry did admit: "A

cricketer's Christmas on four resembles an obstacle course, something to survive with the minimum of discomfort. We feel obliged to enjoy ourselves yet we would all prefer to be shivering back in our own

homes with loved ones."
In that regard, the most touching Christmas Day entry in a cricketer's log I have come across was acribbled \$9 years ago by the hiddleses bowler J T "Old Jack" Hearns on the MCC's Australian bour

of 1897-98. "Melbourne: Very very bot. Most indulged in an extra turn in bed. Chape not been away from home at Christmas be-fore seem a bit down. Ted Wainwright especially, He remarked very feelingly at breakfast, I wish I was back in the little cottage turning the

DOZEN years before Marks a tour, Tony Lewis had taken Eng-land to India, and his daily journal crackled with wit and observation. Lewis's first Test as captain, at Delbi, began on December 21 and ended on Christmas Day.

What reading it makes.
"Dec 21: A R Lewis law
Chandrasekhar 0. What a debut. I retreated, head down through all those baying indi-ans. I could not believe it. I flopped on the dressing-room chair. A duck, Was it really true? The England players were generous but I have to face the past, and the frightenand what next time?

"Dec 25: Can Christmas ever be the same again? England 207 for 4 to win by 6 wicls. Champagne, telegrams . . . I write these notes in bed. Me, 70 not out and Man of the Match! I was six overs getting off the mark: almost forever ... I just wish I had known I was going to make 70 not out

four days ago." In 1873, 123 Christmas Days ago, W G Grace left his bride in a Melbourne hotel, borrowed a gun and drove in a buggy deep upcountry in the hope, he wrote in his diary, "of bagging some kangarcos, though no such luck". He returned to his wife by midnight. Next day, Boxing Day, against 18 men of Victoria, the amazing Grace took 10 wickets and hit 51 not out.

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ABSOLUT GENEROSITY.

Clark tipped as FA technical director after quitting Forest

their manager Frank Clark's resignation came as no shock yesterday, the team being without a win in 16 Premier-ship matches and looking doomed to fall off the gravy train. But Clark's next move

may prove more of a surprise, writes Peter White. The highly regarded 53-year-old has for some time been limited with the Manchester City hot seat and also

Gallagher.

and Johnny

Jarvis Cocker

Rotten is also. according to

anthropology, one of the

of the shaman:

hallmarks

front

NOTTINGHAM FOREST'S admits he has had "specula-formal announcement of tive offers" to work abroad, ive offers" to work abroad, but insiders believe he may opt instead to become the Football Association's techni-

cal director. In a further turn of the managerial merry-go-round that appointment might also see Howard Wilkinson, linked to the FA post after his depar ture from Leeds United, tak-ing up the reins at Forest.

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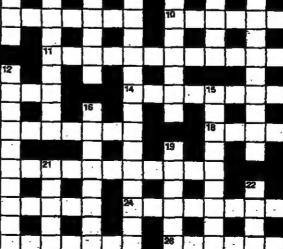
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the performer healing through 9 Queue endiessiy for chemical preservative (8) his own 10 Deputy tours state, giving sickness.

Jon Savage on the revolting (7,5) first artist of Britpop | 13 Look - try an eye-cutching design (4) Friday Review

amoothly (8) 17 "Brown Sugar" re-mb; made, including unusual backing (8)

18 A chance to start a game (4) 20 Battleground is reported quiet. Here's the picture.



1 Opera written in English style (6)

5 Dad's leading turn-over of one market in type of beef (6)

lively performance (6) 11 Exotic cocktail Ingredient? Sip is a turn-off — almost

4 Musical rejected by Roman censor not running

 Computer range said to offer outdoor protection (10) 12 Familiar situation — he opens last letter, not a circular (4,6) 16 It's vital to see this building

16 Resident worker supports regular activity (8)

19 Woman's ringing me, demonstrating Merci perhaps? (6) 21 Nosy space-explorers left

22 Macho man - a bit lacking up top (4) ... Solution tomorre

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